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WATER

The ambitious Mekedatu project figured prominently in the state budget, with CM Siddaramaiah giving a push for speedy clearance. The CM also said a survey is under way to identify land and count trees that will be submerged.

WOMEN

The government has significantly bolstered budget allocations for women and child development for 2024-25, at a hefty ₹34,406 crore. The surge in allocation is notable even within CM Siddaramaiah's own tenure.

POWER

CM Siddaramaiah allocated ₹23,159 crore to the energy sector, which is 6% of the total allocation. He also announced several long-term initiatives, such as increasing installed power generation capacity to 60,000MW in next seven years.

SIDDU DELIVERING WELFARE SCHEMES ON BORROWED MONEY

CM presents deficit budget; Borrowing at ₹1 lakh crore the highest ever; More funds for programmes for women, youth, SC/STs, backward classes; ₹52,000 crore for guarantees

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah presented a Rs 3,71,383 crore state budget for 2024-25 with a continued focus on welfare programmes and an eye on the Lok Sabha polls in the coming months. The welfare programmes are set to receive an allocation of around Rs 1.20 lakh crore.

His 15th budget, eighth as CM — and the first ever with the picture of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution on a Karnataka budget copy cover — was a deficit budget, the borrowing crossing Rs 1 lakh crore, the highest ever.

In his longest budget speech of 3.15 hours, Siddaramaiah (who holds the finance portfolio) revealed that their borrowing increased by close to Rs 19,428 crore compared to 2023-24, while capital outlay (to create assets) increased only by Rs 1,671 crore this year. Interestingly, the CM's budget has increased allocation to social services by Rs 22,613 crore compared to 2023-24. This indicates that Siddaramaiah's borrowing might be flowing to welfare schemes.

"Though I have presented a revenue deficit budget, I have increased the budgetary allocation for welfare programmes to Rs 1.20 lakh crore," he said, adding that he is confident of achieving revenue surplus after next two years as projected in the Medium-term Fiscal Policy (MTFP).

The CM tried to stress his budget by providing more funds for programmes for women, youth, SC/ST and backward, besides Bengaluru development. The CM claimed that his budget maintained fiscal discipline that is limited under Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act 2022.

Defending the guarantee schemes, the CM said they estimated Rs 52,000 crore for the schemes this year. "Through the guarantee schemes, an average of Rs 50,000 to Rs 55,000 is transferred to each family per year. Implementation of guarantee schemes has brought us admiration from the entire world," he said.

With an eye on mobilising funds and increasing revenues, Siddaramaiah announced that shops and establishments will be allowed to remain open till 1 am in Bengaluru and 10 other corporation areas. He also increased tax collection targets in some sectors for 2024-25, setting a target of Rs 1.10 lakh crore for the commercial tax department as compared to Rs 1.01 lakh crore last year; while for the excise department, it is Rs 38,525 crore against Rs 36,000 crore in 2023-24. One per cent "fire cess" will be levied on property tax of newly constructed multistoried buildings, the funds from which would be used to increase efficiency in the fire and emergency services department. P5

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah greets fellow legislators, as he presents the state budget for fiscal 2024-25, in Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, on Friday | EXPRESS

TOTAL OUTLAY OF BUDGET ₹3,71,383

CM Siddaramaiah has announced Karnataka Raitha Samruddhi Yojane, bringing new hope for farmers, who have been battered by drought and floods. The CM also allocated ₹6,688 crore for agriculture and horticulture.

We are marching ahead towards setting a new example of Karnataka model of development founded on the principles of justice, equality and fraternity enshrined in our Constitution

Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

This is a hopeless budget on all fronts and there is no vision for development of the state contrary to what was claimed by Congress leaders. This budget fails to instill confidence in the public

R Ashoka, LoP

With this budget, Siddaramaiah has laid the foundation for the destruction of the state

HD Kumaraswamy, JDS state president

Tunnel rd, skydeck to make B'luru 'world class'

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday announced several measures to ease Bengaluru's traffic and improve its image.

Presenting the state budget, he said steps will be taken to strengthen the city's public transport system, improve roads, address water and air pollution and digitise property records. Importance will be given to develop Bengaluru as a tourism hub.

Siddaramaiah said the property tax collection target will be increased, and advertisement and floor area ratio (FAR) policies revised. Shops and other business establishments will be allowed to remain open till 1am in Bengaluru and 10 other civic corporations.

"To make Bengaluru a world class city, the Brand Bengaluru concept and major reforms have been introduced," the CM said and announced that the proposed tunnel road project (Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's proposal) will be taken up on a pilot basis in Hebbal. Justifying the need for the tunnel project, Siddaramaiah said it would be difficult to widen roads in Bengaluru due to scarcity of land and acquisition problems. P3

Good news for tipplers! Prices of IML, beer to dip

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

PRICES of beer and Indian-Made Liquor (IML), which are high in Karnataka when compared to other states, are set to come down. The state government has decided to revise the prices of several brands of liquor and beer "to rationalise the tax slabs and make them competitive with neighbouring states," CM Siddaramaiah said while presenting the state budget on Friday. This means, prices of several liquor brands will be on par with those in other states. "Currently, prices of some premium brands of liquor and beer are high in Karnataka compared to the neighbouring states. To prevent people of Karnataka from bringing liquor from other states, the government will revise its prices. The prices of most brands of liquor and beer will be less when compared to other states when the budget is approved," a source in the Excise Department said.

However, the government will have to ensure that this move would not affect excise revenue collection, the source added. As against the tax revenue of Rs 28,181 crore collected in 2023-24 till January, the state government has fixed a target of Rs 38,525 crore for the next fiscal.

Siddaramaiah said all services of the Excise Department will be digitised, and timelines will be fixed for various services.

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TEST WICKETS

AND THE LEGEND GROWS

The milestone finally came on Thursday when India's R Ashwin dismissed England's Zak Crawley to reach his 500th Test wicket — the second Indian to reach the magic figure after Anil Kumble (619 wkts). His record is crazy. England were 207/2 in reply to India's 445 | P17

ASHWIN WITHDRAWN

In a late night development, the Indian cricket board said that the Tamil Nadu spinner had been withdrawn from the rest of the Test due to medical emergency in the family.

Govt-farmer talks +ve, next round on Sunday

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE third round of talks between farmers and the Centre ended on a positive note with resolution emerging on many sticking points, sources said, but no breakthrough could be achieved as some outstanding issues are yet to be sorted out.

The next round of talks will be held on Sunday evening. Till then, the farmers will stay put at the Punjab-Haryana border.

The five-hour marathon talks, which started on Thursday night, continued till the wee hours on Friday. "We had a positive discussion with the farmer leaders," said agriculture minister Arjun Munda.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who also took part in the talks, said consensus has been achieved on various points but some important issues are pending, which he said will be resolved soon.

Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said the Union ministers sought more time to decide on the MSP issue. "We want a positive result and do not want any confrontation. We are staying back at the borders. Otherwise, our plan to march to Delhi will continue," he said.

Meanwhile, Haryana police fired tear gas shells to disperse protesting farmers when they moved towards the barricades at the Shambhu border. In a separate incident, 63-year-old Gian Singh from Gurdaspur, who was protesting at the Shambhu border died of heart attack on Friday morning.

The Bharat Bandh called by some unions had a mixed reaction in Punjab and Haryana.

Tear gas being fired upon the protesting farmers at the Shambhu border during the Samyukta Kisan Morcha's Bharat Bandh in Patiala district on Friday | PTI

Cong a/cs frozen, defrozen in hours

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

HOURS after the Congress announced that its main accounts were frozen, the Income Tax department on Friday granted it temporary relief by lifting the freeze till a final hearing by its appellate tribunal next Wednesday. The accounts were frozen on a tax demand of ₹210 crore for 2018-19 as penalty for a 45-day delay in filing returns and cash contributions from its lawmakers, said the party. It appealed against the demand to the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT).

In its order, the tribunal directed the party to ensure that the accounts have a minimum deposit of ₹115 crore as lien. In a video message, Congress Rajya Sabha MP Vivek Tankha, who appeared before the ITAT, said the tribunal defroze the accounts and will hear the matter next Wednesday before taking the final call.

"On our petition, the IT department and the ITAT said we have to ensure that ₹115 crore is kept in the banks. Any amount over and above ₹115 crore can be spent. This means that ₹115 crore has been frozen. The ₹115 crore is much more than what we have in our current accounts," the party said.

Earlier in the day, senior Congress leader and treasurer Ajay Maken told a press conference that the IT department had frozen four main accounts of the Congress and the Youth Congress on frivolous and flimsy grounds leaving the party with no money to pay bills and salaries. "The crowdfunding money in our accounts has been frozen just two weeks before elections. When the opposition's accounts are frozen, it is equivalent to freezing democracy," said Maken.

"Since 2019 was an election year, the Congress submitted receipts of ₹199 crore spent on the elections. Of this amount ₹14.40 lakh had been deposited in cash by some Congress MPs and MLAs from their salaries," said Maken adding that it was shocking that the IT department had imposed a penalty of ₹210 crore on the cash deposit of ₹14.40 lakh. In his pushback, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "Don't be scared, Congress is not the party whose strength is money power, its strength is people's power."

BANKS TOLD TO PAY UP

Sharing two such I-T notices sent to its bankers — Bank of Baroda and SBI — Maken said the tax authorities directed them to pay them ₹135 crore and ₹75 crore respectively as income tax dues from the Congress accounts with them. The notice also held the bankers personally liable for paying the amount to the tax authorities

Trust vote ahead of Kejri's court date

ANUP VERMA @New Delhi

DELHI Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday moved a confidence motion in the Assembly, a day before he is to appear before a local court for ignoring five summonses from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the excise policy case.

The discussion on the motion will be held on Saturday. AAP is set to win the trust vote comfortably as it has 62 MLAs while the opposition BJP has eight, seven of whom have been suspended for the rest of the session for interrupting Lt Governor V K Saxena's speech in the Assembly on Thursday.

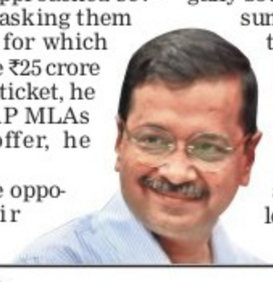
The ED has already sent its sixth summons to Kejriwal asking him to appear on Monday for questioning in connection with the scam.

Speaking in the Assembly, Kejriwal reiterated there was no scam in excise policy. He alleged that attempts were being made to poach AAP MLAs and topple his government by registering false cases and arresting its leaders one after another.

Tabling the motion, Kejriwal said he wants to show how BJP's 'Operation Lotus' has failed in Delhi. A few operatives recently approached seven AAP MLAs asking them to join the BJP for which they will receive ₹25 crore and an election ticket, he alleged. All AAP MLAs rejected the offer, he added.

Leader of the opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said he was surprised that Kejriwal was tabling a confidence motion alleging the BJP was trying to poach his MLAs. So far, he has not given any evidence to the police, which is probing the matter. The police has already requested him to provide proof to substantiate the charges, he said.

Today, Kejriwal has to appear before the local court, which last week said that he was "legally bound" to respond to ED's summonses in person and that his failure to do so is prima facie an offence under Section 174 of IPC. The ED alleges that the excise policy was tweaked to siphon funds for AAP leaders and the party.



NAVALNY

PUTIN RIVAL DIES

Russian opposition leader and the fiercest critic of President Vladimir Putin died in prison on Friday. He was 47. After a walk, he lost consciousness. An ambulance arrived to resuscitate him, but he could not be revived. Navalny's team, however, said it has no confirmation of his death | P12

INFRA

Metro line to Tumakuru, Devanahalli proposed

ENS @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday announced a proposal to extend two different Metro lines of Phase-II to Tumakuru and Devanahalli. The feasibility study is set to begin.

"A feasibility report will be prepared to extend Metro rail from BIEC (Madavara) to Tumakuru and Kempegowda International Airport to Devanahalli on a Public-Private Partnership model," he elaborated. Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, also the Tumakuru district in-charge minister, who was instrumental in pushing for the extension of Metro line from BIEC to Vasanthanarasapura in Tumakuru told TNIE, "In two-three months, the feasibility report will be prepared, and after that the project will be implemented under the PPP model as investors have shown interest."

Karnam Ramesh of Tumakuru Zilla Rail Prayanikara Vedike said, "This extension is a good move. It will definitely boost the economy of Tumakuru." The budget allocated ₹1,435 crore to BMRCL which works out to just around 27.5% of ₹5,234 crore requested by it, said a senior Metro official.

The allocation will be used for debt repayment ₹675 crore, loan ₹500 crore, reimbursement of taxes ₹100 crore, equity ₹150 crore and financial assistance for cash loss ₹100 crore. D Radhakrishna Reddy, Director, Projects & Planning, told *TNIE*, "These three lines will become operational: RV Road-Bommasandra of 19.15 km, Nagasandra-Madavara of 3.14 km and the Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara line of 21.26 km." The CM announced that the ORR line (Phase 2A) and Airport Line (Phase 2B) will be completed by June 2026.

Business will buzz with economic corridors from B'luru to Tier-2 cities

Siddaramaiah gives ₹18,115 crore for improving urban moblity, housing in state

URBAN MOBILITY

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

TO address the rising demand from industries, improve economic activities and address global competition, CM Siddaramaiah announced the creation of dedicated economic corridors from Bengaluru to Tier-2 cities. A long-pending proposal to develop satellite townships around Bengaluru -- Devanahalli, Nelamangala, Hoskote, Doddaballapur, Magadi and Bidadi -- has been revived. It will enhance horizontal growth of Bengaluru, along the lines of Navi Mumbai and Delhi-NCR.

The announcement has been made on the lines of the Central government's plan to create dedicated corridors to other cities, like the Mumbai-Chennai corridor.

The CM allocated Rs 18,115 crore for improving urban mobility and housing, which is less than last year's budget of Rs 21,660 crore.

In the budget, the CM announced the creation of a Bangaluru-Mangaluru port corridor for speedy access to ports, and reduce the freight transport time to Europe and West Asia. He also announced a corridor between Bengaluru and Bidar to accelerate economic development of Kalyana Karnataka region.

"The Bengaluru-Mangaluru corridor was a long-pending demand. Karnataka is losing business to Hyderabad, and the creation of a corridor to Bidar will help. Also, Rs 73 crore will be given as the State's share for improving the 74-km Bengaluru-Mumbai corridor. While all these are being announced, the government must ensure they are completed within the stipulated time," said FKCCI president Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, referring to snail-paced work on the Bengaluru- Chennai corridor.

An official from the urban development department said the government knows there is no land available in Bengaluru to create townships or economic corridors. Besides, a large number of migrants are coming to Bengaluru from these townships and firms are also shifting to these places. The government has taken a leaf from the Andhra Pradesh government in creating a South Korean township in Hindupur, that is boosting its economy.

The CM also announced that a feasibility report will be prepared for extending Namma Metro services to Devanahalli and Tumakuru. Mobility experts said this is a clear indication that the demand from the city outskirts for better mobility is only increasing.

Suburban Rail to get ₹400 cr, mere 31% of sum requested

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THE Rs 15,767-crore Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project has been allocated just Rs 400 crore in the budget, against the Rs 1,300 crore that was sought for. The allocation is only 31% of its requirement. K-RIDE, the nodal agency for the implementation of the project stated that the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) had previously requested the State for the same. Out of the 148.17-km project, the contract has been awarded to only two of the four corridors presently - Corridor-2 from Baiyappanahalli Terminal to Chikkabanavara and Corridor-4 from Heelalige to Rajanakunte. A senior K-RIDE official told TNIE, "This sum will not be sufficient, as the project is expected to pick up pace this financial year. The bigger bills for Corridor-2 have started coming in and bills for Corridor-4 will also come in." Another official ruled out any impact on the project and said, "We also have a balance of Rs 500 crore in our outer account. After we spend this and the allocated funds, we can seek additional funds." The project is being jointly funded by the State and the Centre. Tenders for Corridor-1 (KSR B'luru City to Devanahalli) and Corridor 4 (Heelalige to Rajanakunte) are yet to be called for.

BAND, BAAJA, BUDGET

A band from Mangaluru performs at the west gate of Vidhana Soudha, ahead of the state budget in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Policy on global capability centre soon; ₹10 cr for excellence centre

INVESTMENT

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WITH an aim to attract investments, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah proposed to introduce a new global capability centre (GCC) policy in the present year. India, particularly Karnataka, has been witnessing an increase in the number of GCCs or captives, which are offshore centres that support the operations of global enterprises, across different segments. Bengaluru alone has over 400 GCCs of the total 1,500 in the country, employing 1.3 million people and generating a revenue of $33.8 billion - about 1 per cent of India's GDP.

WHAT MORE IS IN STORE?

- Skilling & Innovation Centres in emerging technologies across Kalaburagi, Shivamogga, Hubbali, and Tumakuru, with a budget of Rs 12 crore
- Institute of Advanced Genome Editing and Gene Therapy to promote study and research in Genomics in the state
- New science centres/ planetariums at Shivamogga, Raichur, Chikkamagaluru, Yadgir and Mysuru with Central assistance
- Science City at Bengaluru in association with Government of India at total cost of Rs 233 crore

The Chief Minister also announced establishing a Centre of Excellence (COE) in Fintech, Spacetech and Automotive Tech with an investment of Rs 10 crore over a period of 5 years in collaboration with entrepreneurs and educational institutions. Apart from these, three new programmes will be launched to boost the state's startup ecosystem. An early-stage funding programme - Rajiv Gandhi Entrepreneurship Program, and a new initiative to support early-stage women entrepreneurs will be launched. Also, in order to promote agri startups in the state, Siddaramaiah announced that five acres of land will be provided to C-Camp Agri innovation park.

Lalit Ahuja, Founder and CEO ANSR, welcomed the decision to introduce a GCC policy. "This proactive step reflects the state's commitment to maintaining its leadership in the GCC market segment, fostering innovation and catalysing even higher levels of investments and job creation in the sector," he said.

With Bengaluru hosting over 400 centres, Karnataka is a leading global hub for GCCs, contributing to the state's social and economic development. "Accounting for nearly 40 per cent of the GCCs in India, Karnataka's dominance in this sector is unbeatable. The introduction of the GCC policy will provide the impetus necessary to maintain Karnataka's leadership in the GCC sector. By offering a conducive environment and incentives for investment, the policy will encourage more companies to establish their centres in the state," he added.

BBMP elections, implementation of BMLTA missed

CIVIC

THE Karnataka Budget 2024-25, tabled in the state legislature, offers a glimpse into how the Karnataka government thinks about Bengaluru, the biggest economic engine. The BBMP budget, which will come soon, will offer more insights into what's in store for our city, but the state budget does set the direction.

The Shakti scheme has infused new energy into BMTC and, even more importantly, the priority the organisation gets from the state government in terms of fund allocation. With 42 lakh daily commuters, BMTC is the lifeline of our city and deserves all the financial support from the state government. 2,154 new buses is the kind of news bus advocates have been waiting to hear for decades.

2023 has been a landmark year for Bengaluru in terms of fighting traffic congestion. With the Shakti and Purple line extension to Metro, daily commuters on public transport increased by nearly 30% -- 2024 looks promising as the yellow line becomes operational and new buses join the fleet. The government should have taken bold steps to further strengthen public transport, instead of also trying to build a tunnel which is likely to take a long time with limited impact. Though mobility science and experience from other cities established that "move people, not vehicles" must be the guiding principle of any city, our policymakers continue to spend precious public money on archaic ideas. The fact that no new flyovers have been proposed is a positive sign, while the sheer amount of money poured into white topping makes little sense when so many outer areas have no roads to begin with.

SRINIVAS ALAVILLI
CIVIC ACTIVIST

Lack of coordinated planning and execution across transport agencies is a well-known problem in Bengaluru, and yet, the BMLTA makes no mention while some expert organisations are seen as giving us solutions. BMLTA is critical for Brand Bengaluru and I urge the government to establish BMLTA without further delay.

The record tax collection in Bengaluru is a positive sign of improved local governance. BBMP must be commended for addressing the complex issues of tax collection to a great extent. Both state and union governments benefit enormously from all the taxes paid by citizens of Bengaluru, but the BBMP is often found without money to run the city and looks for grants from the state. The only long-term solution for this is the State Finance Commission. As Karnataka raised the issues of devolution formula, rightly so, from the Centre to state, it must also look at state finances and how they are devolved to cities and panchayats.

Karnataka has been a role model for decentralisation, but we haven't moved in that direction in the recent decades. Developing other cities finds prominent mention in the budget, which is welcome, but unrealistic without devolving funds and functionaries to district and city level. Building infrastructure is important, but equally important is the political and economic empowerment of districts and cities.

A positive development in terms of governance is the formation of a Climate Change Management division in the BBMP with a broader jurisdiction. As Bengaluru becomes India's third city to adopt a Climate Action Plan, the governance structures to deliver on that action plan become critical. Public participation, a forgotten subject, finds mention in this context. Without public participation at the grassroots, our city cannot fight the many challenges in preserving the character of our city represented by our lakes, parks and green cover.

Though it finds zero mention in the budget, I certainly hope the government will hold elections to the BBMP at the earliest, without which there is no public scrutiny or accountability. We need our corporators and mayor (2.5-year tenure) to take office as soon as possible.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

17TH February : Aquarius is still my key celestial sign. It's an interesting combination with Capricorn, the other zodiac sign of the moment. When we put them together, we get the image of a period of time which is highly disciplined and focused, when success is gained through the right mixture of business-like commonsense and a determination to put the highest ideals into practice. Sounds intense!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You may have been having a bumpy ride in a relationship recently, but there's no doubt that you are quite capable of giving as good as you get. Put intensely personal affairs on one side and get on with practical matters and the business of day-to-day survival.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Today's lunar alignments combine a need for relaxation with a desire to stay active. The best way to enjoy yourself should therefore be to pursue a number of your favourite interests or hobbies. Besides, a part-time activity could eventually bring financial benefits.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
This could be a great day for fiddling around at home, completing chores of no great consequence. I have to report that, unexciting as this prospect may be, if you stick to practical pursuits, then you will leave yourself spare time for pleasure later on.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Certain facts of life are inevitable for all those born under the sign of the Crab. For example, you often experience emotional conflicts and insecurities which you find it difficult to talk about. Now is the time to start bringing such deep feelings into the open.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You have a tendency at the moment to bury your head in the sand and ignore certain warning signals. You must try to follow your intuitions and listen to your dreams. The messages will be very subtle, but they're there nonetheless. For a start, it seems that you should remember that you are in control of your feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You should be in charge at home, at least according to the stars. You may translate your celestial potential into reality by making sure that family members and anyone else you live with do what they're told! You might have to back your harsh words with some subtle persuasion, though.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A number of planets are lined up in generally positive formations. Venus, that most graceful and charming celestial body, is now coming to your aid, making your day-to-day affairs that much more pleasant. Even the tiniest activities can be enjoyable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It is indeed a fine moment to indulge in practical chores and tasks, especially if you're teaming up with other people. Family activities are favoured, as are casual and low-key social gatherings. There also seems to be a secret romance on the horizon, or perhaps other feelings that are difficult to admit to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Do not let a minor matter depress you. Rather than dwelling on secret problems you should set about tackling them with all the practical skill and experience at your disposal. You must seek expert assistance where necessary, consulting the people who have been there and done that!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Opportunities for progress and growth are often disguised as challenges which at first seem to be nothing more than difficulties or problems. However, such situations should be seen as the grit which produces the pearl in the oyster, creating emotional riches.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You may devote a little extra time and energy to spending and investments, no matter how small or apparently unimportant. Social engagements will be most enjoyable if they are of a slightly traditional, restrained nature: the old ways are the best ways!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Social gatherings should veer towards the large and impersonal rather than the small and intimate. Important money decisions should have been finalised by now. Take an unfussy and down-to-earth approach in all personal discussions, and you'll soon find that other people become more respectful.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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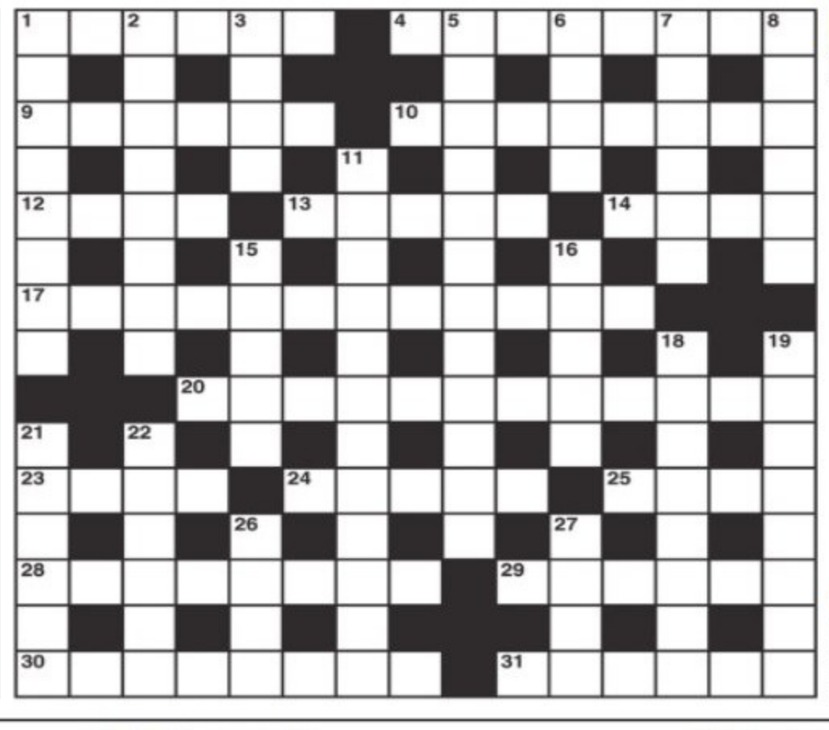

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Part of the engine to spin round (6)
4 Third party insurance for a girl out socially (8)
9 Foliage left on the edges of the roof (6)
10 Entertainers needing a rest sit out (8)
12 They're often found in a lather (4)
13 Shelter in the street from snow and rain (5)
14 A group involved in patriotic activities (4)
17 The gear to which skilled workers may feel entitled (12)
20 Main subject taken by students (12)
23 Points to a top-class manuscript (4)
24 About to notice, for instance, returning birds (5)
25 Fringe report? (4)
28 Want to put a blemish on a large town (8)
29 Where is seen the outcome of the shooting (6)
30 Shows fish that are left (8)
31 When to tell all? (6)

DOWN
1 A friend has new ideas for making a fence (8)
2 Knotted soft and loud tie (5,3)
3 Nothing to write, to be frank (4)
5 He gets in the corn (7,5)
6 Duet for piano melody (4)
7 A type of fan club (6)
8 A wise man is in France and not outside (6)
11 False registration made by a burglar (7,5)
15 Cheap variety of fruit (5)
16 The chaplain's home again (5)
18 They have something to say on the radio (8)
19 A singular spectacle? (8)
21 Settles rises in salary (4,2)
22 I'm not one to weaken (6)
26 It's a blemish in anyone's carpet (4)
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Utter, 4 Parsley, 8 Una, 9 Dirt track, 10 Element, 11 Appal, 13 Evince, 15 Jetsam, 18 Tango, 19 Ailment, 21 Racehorse, 23 Gas, 24 Baby-sit, 25 Eerie.

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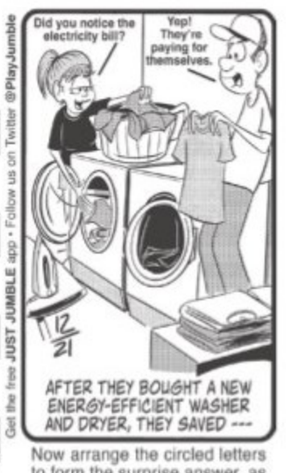
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SKIMP SKULL CACKLE IRONIC
Answer: His 1966 Ford Shelby GT350 convertible was the bodybuilder's favorite — MUSCLE CAR

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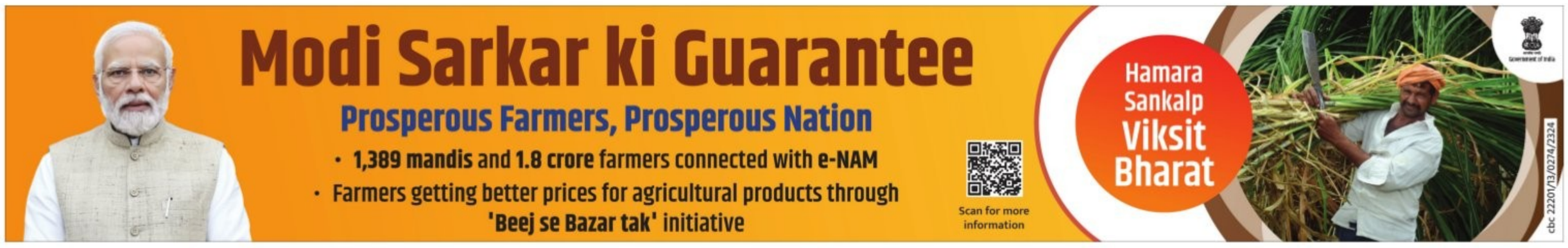
In a major setback to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter Veena T, the Karnataka High Court on Friday dismissed the petition filed by her questioning the order passed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to conduct an investigation by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) into the affairs of the Exalogic Solutions Private Limited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Venezuelan body packer held with cocaine at KIA

Accused had ingested 920 gram of the drug

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THE Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Bengaluru Zone, has recently arrested a Venezuelan body packer at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) and recovered 920 g of cocaine from his possession. He had ingested the contraband drug to escape detection.

The accused had reached Bengaluru on an Emirates flight from Dubai on February 9 when he was intercepted. "Body concealment of the narcotic was detected on medical examination of the 40-year-old passenger, who was travelling to India on a tourist visa. He ejected the 91 capsules containing 920 g of cocaine under medical supervision. He was arrested under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985," said informed sources.

The accused was reportedly instructed to travel to Delhi to deliver the contraband, sources added. For the DRI, Bengaluru, this is the third case of smuggling of cocaine through body concealment since January 2023. On December 11, 2023, the DRI seized 99 capsules of cocaine weighing 2 kg from a Nigerian body packer, who had ingested the contraband drug worth over Rs 20 crore in the international grey market. He had traveled by Ethiopian Airlines from Addis Ababa to Bengaluru on a medical visa for treatment of lung sarcoidosis.

On April 28, 2023, the DRI arrested a 40-year-old Nigerian national at the KIA and seized 1 kg cocaine, which he had ingested in capsule form.

In January 2023, the Customs officials at the KIA arrested a 40-year-old woman body packer from Sierra Leone under the NDPS Act after they recovered 58 capsules of cocaine weighing 686 grams worth over Rs 6.86 crore from her.

Body packing of drugs like heroin or cocaine by mules from Africa and Latin America is being noticed as a trend to smuggle the drugs into the country. "The carriers are assured anywhere between $5,000 and $10,000 besides return tickets for safe delivery of the consignment," said sources.

BODY & MIND

Yoga enthusiasts perform 108 Surya Namaskara on the occasion of Ratha Saptami at National College Grounds on Friday. The event was organised by SPYSS Yoga | VINOD KUMAR T

City to get all-weather roads

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THE CM said all-weather roads are being constructed at a cost of Rs 200 crore and an additional 100km will be done this fiscal. The long-pending Peripheral Ring Road project will be renamed as 'Bengaluru Business Corridor'. A request for proposal has been invited for 73km at a cost of Rs 27,000 crore. Whitetopping of 1,747km of major roads at a cost of Rs 1,700 crore will be completed by December 2025.

Stressing the need to strengthen the city's public transport system, he said by March 2025, 44km more will be added to the Metro line. For better management of traffic signals, artificial intelligence (AI) will be used. In all, 28 major traffic junctions will have Area Traffic Signal Control System. To mop up resources, the property tax collection target will be increased to Rs 6,000 crore this fiscal. This can be achieved if leaks are plugged and property records digitised. To raise non-tax resources of Rs 2,000 crore, advertisement and premium Floor Area Ratio policies will be revised, he said. To improve Bengaluru's Swachh Bharat ranking and address the issue of garbage disposal, the city will be divided into four zones. Each zone will have an integrated waste management operator. To address air and water pollution, a separate policy will be formulated with a focus on increasing people's participation in development of lakes and parks, Siddaramaiah said.

To improve Bengaluru's image at the global level, a Science City will be set up at a cost of Rs 233 crore.

FIVE NABBED FOR FAKING KIDNAP

Bengaluru: The driver of a businesswoman along with four others have been arrested for faking a kidnap and demanding ransom from her. Lakshmi, owner of a production house in Mahalakshmi Layout, received a call claiming that her driver was kidnapped, and demanded Rs 1 crore ransom failing which the driver would be killed. In a swift operation, the police arrested the gang and 'rescued' her driver in Doddaballapura. Only after the arrest did the police find out that the driver had staged a fake kidnapping, to extract money from his employer. The driver was aware that she had availed a loan of one crore from a bank. A complaint filed in Mahalakshmipuram police station on Wednesday, led to the arrest of the accused - Srinivas 40, Mohan, 39, Tejas, 25, Kuladeep, 22, and the driver, Hemanth Kumar, 34. Srinivas and Mohan are rowdy sheeters in Malleswaram police station. Kumar who called her on WhatsApp started crying claiming that he had been kidnapped by unidentified people for ransom. Later, the woman received another call from an unidentified man demanding ransom, failing which, her driver would be killed. **ENS**

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Revision of package rates under Ayushman Bharat-Arogya K'taka need of the hour

HEALTH

HEALTH is a priority sector, hence there is a need to increase the budgetary allocation to 5% of GDP. It is essential to strengthen the existing medical colleges and hospitals at all levels with adequate manpower. The focus should move from construction to creation of essential posts with exclusive budgetary support. Just mere equipment and buildings are not enough to deliver quality healthcare. At present, medical colleges are in excess, diluting the hands-on training opportunities, resulting in untrained doctors which is harmful to patient care. Bengaluru with 20-25% of the state population needs at least 350-bed multispeciality hospitals in each zone (East, West, North and South) so that timely treatment can be given in greater Bengaluru sectors.

Dr CN Manjunath
Former director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Science & Research

Neurological services need special attention since NIMHANS has not expanded further. The state government should think of establishing a 500-bed autonomous institute of neurosciences on the lines of Jayadeva Hospital, Sanjay Gandhi and KIDWAI. It is a welcome move that many trauma and critical care health centres have been announced in the budget in district and rural areas attaching telemedicine and artificial intelligence (AI) technology. Nearly 13% of deaths are due to road traffic accidents, so they should be made fully functional. This will be able to treat severe trauma patients in the golden hour and it can bring down death rates.

HUB AND SPOKE MODEL IN ALL TALUK HOSPITALS

It is a good decision to extend the hub and spoke model for treating heart attacks and stroke which accounts for 30-40% of total deaths in all taluk hospitals. Patients in rural areas will be immensely benefited. At present, streptokinase is used for thrombolysis. It is better to fast-track the procurement of Inj Tenecteplase since it is a more effective drug which can be administered in just 2-3 minutes.

Though the Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka scheme which is in place for BPL patients, it is not truly a universal scheme. It is said that the coverage is up to Rs 5 lakhs which is not for an individual patient but for the entire family. There is a need to revise the package rates scientifically and it has never been revised in the last five years. Also, many more procedures were to be added. The present package rate does not even meet the actual cost incurred particularly for tertiary care procedures. So this is on priority and needs additional grants for this revision. Otherwise, many private hospitals may not be empanelled and the entire burden falls on government hospitals which cannot cope with the patient load. Ultimately, quality care is also compromised and medical staff at a government hospital will end up with burnout syndrome.

The government's decision to provide chemotherapy for cancer treatment in all district hospitals is a boon to patients.

The Medical Education Directorate has been upgraded to Commissionarate to bring more efficiency to the department. However, decentralisation and delegation mechanisms will fast-track academic decisions. There is a long-standing demand for Asha and Anganwadi workers for enhancement, which is worth allocating in the budget.

HEALING TOUCH, CANCER CARE GETS A FILLIP

Rs 21 cr for digital mammography machines to 20 dist hosps; 50 new blood storage units in North K'taka

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WITH a focus on early detection and treatment of cancer, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced the establishment of day-care chemotherapy centres in each district of the state during his 15th budget speech on Friday. With a total expenditure of Rs 20 crore, this initiative aims to provide treatment and continuous follow-up to cancer patients, addressing the absence of chemotherapy treatment facilities in most districts.

Moreover, to address the growing incidence of breast and cervical cancer among women, the government has allocated Rs 21 crore to provide digital mammography machines to 20 district hospitals. Furthermore, Colposcopy machines will be supplied to KC General Hospital in Bengaluru as well as district hospitals in Udupi, Kolar, and Davanagere.

Addressing the shortage of thalassemia and hemophilia treatment facilities in the Kalyana Karnataka region, the CM has set aside Rs 7 Crore to upgrade ICDT centres in Kalaburagi and Koppal districts. Furthermore, the government will establish 50 new blood storage units in North Karnataka districts over the next two years and procure 87 True-Nat machines for tuberculosis screening in PHCs statewide, with an expenditure of Rs 6 crore.

The government has allocated Rs 400 crore for the construction and procurement of equipment for medical colleges, along with Rs 130 crore designated for the establishment of super-specialty hospitals. Additionally, plans include upgrading the existing 40-bed Nephro-Urology Hospital in Mysuru to a 100-bed facility. Also, Rs 150 crore has been earmarked for the acquisition of medical equipment and furniture for 450-bed hospitals that are constructed in Gadag, Koppal, and Chamarajanagar.

In the budget, Rs 34 crore is allocated for the procurement and installation of 64 anesthesia workstations in medical colleges under the Medical Education Department. Additionally, Rs 20 crore is allocated for the installation of a robotic surgical machine in the surgery department of the Institute of Nephro-Urology, Bengaluru.

> **Since there are no chemotherapy care centres in most districts for treatment and continuous follow-up of cancer patients, a day-care chemotherapy centre will be set up in each district at a cost of Rs 20 crore**
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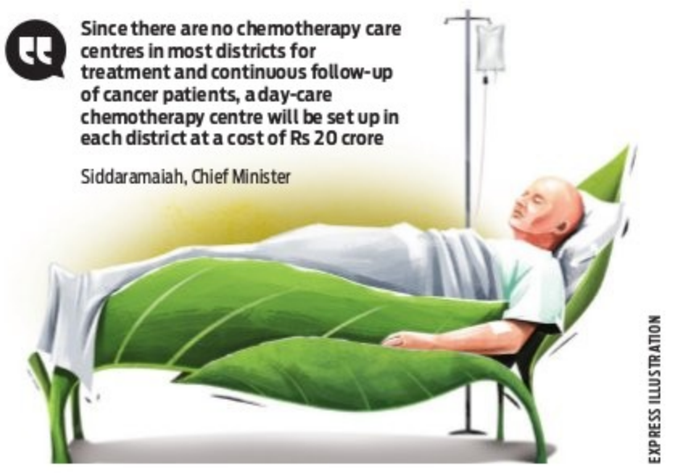
> Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Healthy Future

1. Over the next 2 years, STEMI (Severe Heart Attack) treatment to be expanded to all taluk hospitals; Rs 32 crore allocated for procuring thrombolytic drugs to treat STEMI and stroke
2. 114 modular OTs in medical colleges, super-specialty hospitals (cost Rs 177 cr)
3. Super-specialty cardiac unit to be established in Gadag Institute (cost Rs 10 cr)
4. Upgrade 25 PHCs to CHCs for 24X7 healthcare at Rs 350 cr over 2 years
5. 46 new PHCs via Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (cost Rs 221 cr)
6. Rs 130 crore for constructing 199 health wellness centres
7. Rs 150 crore for mother and child hospital building at KC General Hospital, Bengaluru

FINANCIAL BLUEPRINT

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presents the 2024-25 State Budget as Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and other party colleagues listen in rapt attention at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

Govt all out to bust fake news, cybercrime

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IN an effort to combat fake news, a Information Disorder Tackling Unit (IDTU) will be formed in collaboration with the Department of IT and BT, announced Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the budget.

The unit will be formed to take stringent action against those who create insecurity and fear in society by spreading fake news. A special cell will be formed in the Home Department to take the required legal action against them, he added.

In the wake of increasing cybercrime, including deep fake, 43 CEN (Cyber, Economic and Narcotics) police stations will be upgraded to strengthen the cybercrime branch to investigate and take effective action against suspects, the budget proposed. Further, to strengthen mobile forensic and audio-visual branch of the Forensic Science Laboratories (FSL), necessary equipment and software will be provided at a cost of Rs 10 crore. While a high-security prison will be constructed in Shivamogga at Rs 100 crore, AI software, baggage scanners and other state-of-the-art equipment will be procured at Rs 5 crore for security of all the prisons in the state.

HOME

- Fire cess of 1% to be levied on property tax of newly constructed multi-storeyed buildings, to increase efficiency in the Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- AstroTurf hockey ground at Police Sullivan Playground in Bengaluru, at Rs 3 crore

₹26k-cr target for Stamps & Regn dept

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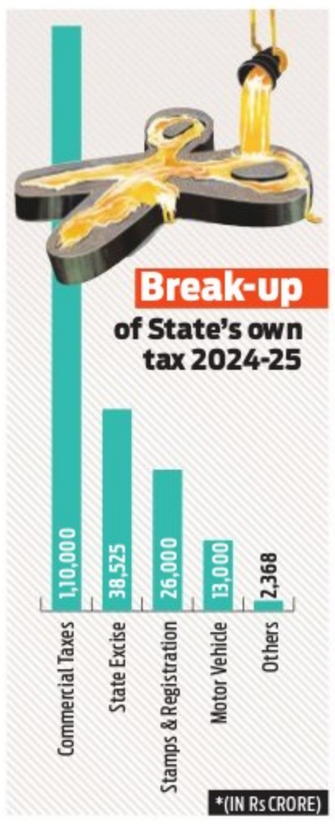
THE state budget fixed revenue collection target for the Stamps and Registration Department at Rs 26,000 for 2024-25 crore as against Rs 19,000 crore for 2023-24. Noting that the guidance value for immovable property was revised by the government in 2023-24, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stated on Friday that in the current financial year, Rs 15,692 crore revenue has been collected till January, registering a growth of 10 per cent.

Sources said Rs 26,000 crore target can be achieved in 2024-25, as the guidance value of properties has been increased by 15 percent and also with the increase in the non-registrable duties, which are other than registration of documents like rental agreements, employees' contracts, affidavits, loan agreements, etc.

Mobilising Rs 26,000 crore can be achieved by way of Rs 19,000-20,000 crore collection through the registrable duty and the remaining Rs 5,000-6,000 crore by way of non-registrable duty. The guidance value has to be increased every year, but it had not been done since 2019. In 2023-24, it was increased by 15 per cent, the sources said.

However, it is difficult to collect Rs 5,000-6,000 crore from the marginal increase in non-registrable documents, they added.



Earn to run, CM sets Rs 13K crore target for transport dept

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah in his budget proposed to develop automated test centres at 32 places under the PPP model to facilitate fitness testing of all transport vehicles seeking renewal of Fitness Certificate (FC). Besides, automated driving test tracks are being planned at a cost of Rs 36 crore.

Stating that the transport department has collected Rs 9,333 crore in taxes on vehicles till January in the current fiscal, the CM added that a target of Rs 13,000 crore has been set for the coming financial year. The growth of revenue collection in the transport department is at 19%, compared to previous years', the CM added.

Since the digitisation of documents on a pilot basis is being done at Bengaluru Central, Belagavi, Mangaluru and Bhalki, a scheme will soon be launched to digitise all vehicle documents.

Separately, the CM mentioned that his government has spent Rs 3,000 crore towards the Shakti scheme, which saw 155 crore women passenger trips since its launch.

TRANSPORT

₹10 cr Fund for seizing yard at Devanahalli and Tumakuru

1,334 Number of new e-buses BMTC will get, besides 820 BS-6 diesel buses

GOVT EXTENDS HSRP NUMBER PLATE DEADLINE TO MAY END

BENGALURU: The state government extended the deadline to affix high-security number plates (HSRP) for vehicles from February 17 to May 31. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy had earlier stated that only 18 lakh vehicles registered before April 2019 have affixed HSRP number plates and they will extend the deadline by three months. The transport department on Friday issued an order extending the deadline.

ALLOCATION FOR LAW DEPARTMENT

To provide speedy justice to farmers and economically weaker individuals, action has been taken to enact the Civil Procedure Code (Karnataka Amendment) Act, 2023 and also to amend the Karnataka High Court Act and Karnataka Civil Courts Act to reduce the number of pending cases before High Courts and Civil courts in the state.

₹180 crore will be provided for live streaming of court proceedings and upgrading the administration system.

A new court complex will be constructed in Virajpet at **₹12 crore**

Karnataka Prohibition of Violence Against Advocates Bill, 2023 to be enacted.

Information and public relations

To mark the centenary of trhe Belagavi Congress session, presided over by Mahatma Gandhi, a special programme will be organised at Rs 2 crore in Belagavi, besides installing signboards at places visited by Gandhiji in the state.

An award in the name of veteran journalist late Vaddarse Raghuram Shetty will be given to journalists who contribute to the field of social justice.

A free bus pass facility will be provided to rural journalists for travel within the district limits.

More dhan for Lakshmi: Eye on LS polls, Siddu allocates ₹34,406 crore

NARI SHAKTI

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THE Congress government in the state, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, is strategically aiming to solidify support among women voters as the Lok Sabha polls loom. In a bid to court this demographic, the government has significantly bolstered budget allocations for women and child development in the 2024-25 fiscal. This year's allocation stands at a hefty Rs 34,406 crore, a substantial increase from the previous year's Rs 5,676 crore under the tenure of former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai.

The surge in allocation was notable even within Siddaramaiah's own tenure. After assuming office, he promptly raised the allocation to Rs 24,166 crore in July 2023, with a considerable portion earmarked for the Gruha Lakshmi scheme. This fiscal year, Siddaramaiah has further amplified the allocation, reserving a whopping Rs 24,608 crore solely for the Gruha Lakshmi scheme. Additionally, he has pledged to distribute 75,000 smartphones to Anganwadi workers and supervisors, further emphasising the government's commitment to women's empowerment.

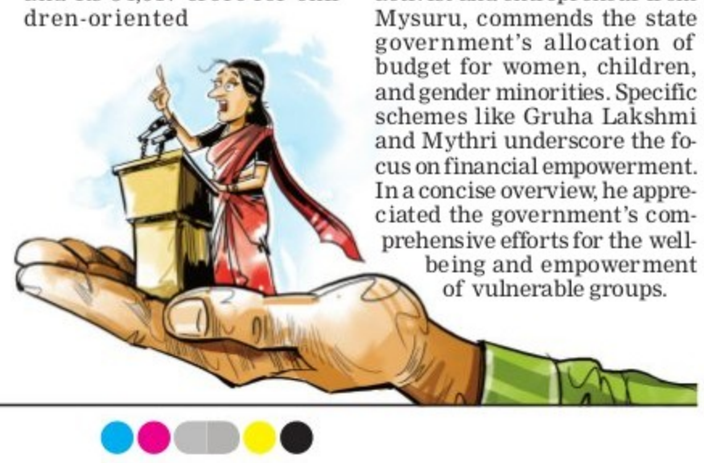
Furthermore, the government has augmented pensions for various marginalised groups, including Devadasis, linguistic minorities, and caretakers. The Gruha Lakshmi scheme, a flagship initiative aimed at fostering financial autonomy among women, is a key beneficiary of these increased funds. Under this scheme, women heads of households are entitled to receive Rs 2,000, with over 1.17 crore women already registered as beneficiaries. Notably, Rs 11,726 crore has already been disbursed directly to the accounts of beneficiaries.

In addition to financial support, the government is investing in capacity building by allocating Rs 10 crore for training workshops for 20,000 Anganwadi workers and helpers. Furthermore, it plans to construct 1,000 new Anganwadi centres, ensuring that these vital services have permanent premises instead of relying on rented facilities.

Recognising the dedication of Anganwadi workers and helpers, the government has introduced gratuity benefits for them. Moreover, caregivers of individuals with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, Parkinson's, and multiple sclerosis will receive a monthly allowance of Rs 1,000. Additionally, 1,500 specially-abled individuals are slated to receive motorised two-wheelers, enhancing their mobility and independence.

The government's commitment to inclusivity extends to gender minorities, with an increase in the monthly pension under the Mythri scheme from Rs 800 to Rs 1,200.

Overall, the gender and children budget for 2024-25 indicates a substantial investment in women and child-oriented schemes, with a total allocation of Rs 86,423 crore for women-oriented initiatives, and Rs 54,617 crore for children-oriented programmes, either directly or indirectly.



Shashidhar Gowda, a social activist and entrepreneur from Mysuru, commends the state government's allocation of budget for women, children, and gender minorities. Specific schemes like Gruha Lakshmi and Mythri underscore the focus on financial empowerment. In a concise overview, he appreciated the government's comprehensive efforts for the well-being and empowerment of vulnerable groups.

State to come up with green hydrogen policy

ENERGY

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah allocated Rs 23,159 crore to the energy sector, which is 6% of the total budget allocation.

Last year, Siddaramaiah had allocated Rs 22,773 crore, or 7% of the total budget allocation, to the sector. His predecessor, BJP leader Basavaraj Bommai, had allocated Rs 14,388 crore in the state budget.

Siddaramaiah also announced several long-term initiatives, including increasing the installed power generation capacity from 32,000MW to 60,000MW in next seven years.

Taking forward the central government plan for green hydrogen, Siddaramaiah announced that the state government will create a dedicated green hydrogen policy, and a self sustained green hydrogen plant on a pilot basis at the cost of Rs 10 crore. An ultra high voltage transmission line of 765 KV will be set up for renewable energy.

To strengthen power supply to rural areas and farmers, the CM said micro-grid solar units of 500KW battery storage capacity will be set up in each backward district. Also 2,500 more electric vehicle charging stations will come up under the PPP model across the state. Further, 100 charging stations will be set up by Escoms at a cost of Rs 35 crore.

As the CM made a special mention for beneficiaries of the Gruha Jyothi scheme, experts said it will burden consumers who are paying the electricity bills.

Energy expert MG Prabhakar said, "The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission had stated that the subsidy requirement was Rs 27,340 crore. But in the budget, the subsidy allocated is Rs 23,159 crore. To meet the deficit, the industry and consumers will be burdened."

He also cautioned that matters will only get worse if the drought continues.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is flanked by his cabinet collegues and Congress members before presenting his 15th state budget at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

No minority appeasement: CM

Siddu says part of SC and ST funds will be drawn for guarantees

SIDDU'S TAKE

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah asserted on Friday that his budget has not appeased any communities, including minorities. He revealed that the government will draw a part of the money allocated to SC/STs to fund the five guarantees.

"The effort to increase the purchasing power of the poor, women, youth, SC/STs and minorities has been put in and emphasis is on the all-round development of the state," he remarked, addressing the media after presenting the budget, at Vidhana Soudha.

"For the welfare of minorities, including Muslims, Christians, Jains and Buddists, Rs 3,71,383 crore has been earmarked which is 0.8 per cent of the total outlay. For SC/STs under SCP/TSP schemes, Rs 39,000 crore is earmarked and sometimes, the amount would be taken from it to adjust funds for guarantees, in proportion to the beneficiaries from the communities," he replied to a query.

He alleged that BJP's 'sab ka saath, sab ka vishwas' is a mere slogan as the party has remained anti-minority and sees allocations to minorities through jaundiced eyes. Taking a dig at BJP and JDS MLAs walking out while he was presenting the budget, he alleged that they had no faith in parliamentary system and democracy.

Fiscal discipline managed

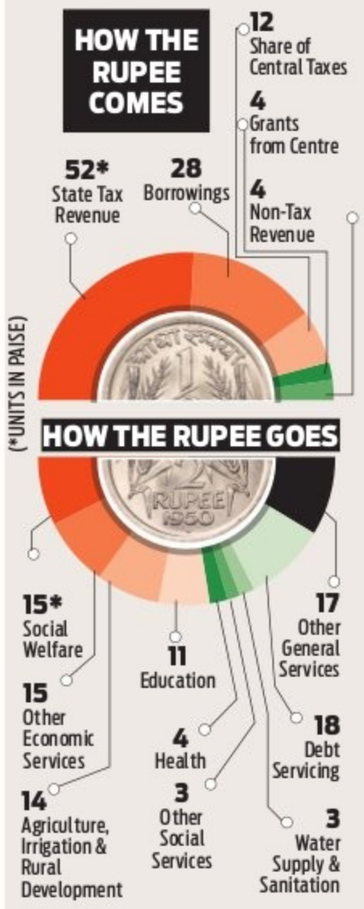
Siddaramaiah claimed that fiscal discipline has been managed with a fiscal deficit of Rs 82,981 crore, which is 2.95 percent of the state's GSDP which is within 3 per cent stipulated in the Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2002. The revenue deficit is Rs 27,354 crore, which is 0.97 per cent, and liability (borrowings) is Rs 1,05,246 crores which is 23.68 per cent of GSDP, he said adding that the revenue surplus will be stabilised from next year.

"Since Independence till I became the finance minister, there was a debt of Rs 2,46,000 crore and I have borrowed Rs 1.12 lakh crore, whereas former CM Basavaraj Bommai had borrowed Rs 80,000 crore", he said.

The state lost Rs 1,87,000 lakh crore in six years, including Rs 62,000 crore in tax devolution from the Centre, from 2017-18. "Although the fair share is not coming from the Centre, the state is financially sound. If the due share had come, the state would have developed like Europe. We have allocated Rs 52,009 crore for guarantees and are prepared to give more if needed," he asserted.

"BJP said the government will go bankrupt, due to guarantees and termed them as 'bitti' guarantees (freebies) which is an insult to women and the poor," he alleged. He pointed out that Uttar Pradesh received Rs 3,12,280 crore from the Centre, though it gives 49 percent of its tax share, whereas Karnataka despite giving 77 per cent, it will get only Rs 59,785 at 23 per cent.

He said the budget is farsighted, inclusive and complementary to the all-round development of the state.



Industries in Peenya pay Rs 8,000 crores in taxes. We had given a representation to announce a Peenya Industrial Township Authority, but it is not considered in the budget. We hope it will figure in the government's industrial policy

— Arif HM, President, Peenya Industries Association

Development beyond Bengaluru through an industrial node near Dharwad under the Bengaluru-Mumbai Economic Corridor Programme in collaboration with the Centre will generate employment in North Karnataka. Proposed development of integrated townships in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi, Dharwad, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Tumakuru, Kolar and Ballari will boost growth of Tier 2-3 cities

— Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, President, FKCCI

BILL FOR WELFARE OF GIG WORKERS ON ANVIL

To help over 2 lakh platform-based gig workers, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that his government will introduce a 'Platform-Based Gig Workers Fund and Welfare Fee Bill'. This is intended to provide livelihood security to Platform-Based Gig Workers. In his budget speech on Friday, the CM said the money collected will be utilised for gig worker welfare, proposing to bring in cess on online transactions to fund the scheme. He has also set aside Rs 311 crore under the ESI scheme to set up super-speciality services, point of care mobile digital diagnostic kiosk, a mobile health unit, a comprehensive health check-up programme for workers over 40, a programme of tetanus and hepatitis vaccination for all insured workers and labourers, state-of-the-art diagnostic centre, etc. ENS

Labour dept allocated ₹411 cr

LABOUR

Cess on the registration of commercial transport vehicles for welfare of transport vehicles

Stipend to be extended from six months to a year for SC-ST apprentices currently in training under Ashadeepa Scheme

HOME DELIVERY OF GRAIN FOR SENIORS OVER 80

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday announced that a new social security scheme 'Anna-Suvidha' will be launched for the benefit of senior citizens, under which a home delivery app will be developed to ensure seamless delivery of foodgrains to the doorsteps of those aged above 80 years. He also stated that people's participation in 'Jagruti Samitis' will be encouraged to strengthen the public distribution system (PDS) at the grassroots level, which will facilitate the effective implementation of the Food Security Act and the realisation of a "hunger-free Karnataka". "Owing to non-cooperation by the Centre in the procurement of rice, our government had to come up with an innovative alternative to make a direct cash transfer to the people instead of rice. We have shown our commitment by paying Rs 170 per month at the rate of Rs 34 per kg of rice. As of today, Rs 4,595 crore has been transferred to 4.02 crore beneficiaries." ENS

Lacks direction, laced with lies: Oppn parties

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THE Opposition BJP and JDS on Friday criticized the budget presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka saying that it lacked commitment and direction.

Calling the budget a 'DPR budget', state JDS president and former CM HD Kumaraswamy said, "With this budget, Siddaramaiah has laid the foundation for the destruction of the state." Recalling the Congress' 'keevi mele hoovu' (flower on the ear) campaign against the previous BJP government in the state, Kumaraswamy said, "Now, he (Siddaramaiah) has put flowers on the ears of 7 crore Kannadigas!"

Ashoka said the budget lacks vision. "It lacks commitment and direction. This is a hopeless budget on all fronts and there is no vision for the development of the state. This budget lacks foresight, fails to instill confidence in the public, and has no new initiatives to address the needs of farmers, women, the poor, youth, and industry. It is only decorated with empty slogans and fancy titles. In Siddaramaiah's first term, Karnataka's debt rose from Rs 1,39,000 crore to Rs 2,86,790 crore in just five years. The annual interest burden on the state shot up from Rs 8,500 crore to Rs 16,208 crore leaving a debt burden of Rs 44,000 on every citizen. His second term is also pushing the state into a debt crisis," he said, adding that using the budget to blame the Union Government exposes the Congress' existential crisis. "It reflects Congress' sheer desperation to somehow paint a bad picture of the Modi Government ahead of Lok Sabha polls," Ashoka added.

State BJP president BY Vijayendra said the budget will take the state back by 20 years. "It is anti-farmer and it is a budget of zero progress for the development of the state. Siddaramaiah has wasted his time... he has shirked his responsibility and covered up his failures."

Former CM Basavaraj Bommai said Siddaramaiah has presented a political budget laced with a bundle of lies to cover up his failures and also created a record of borrowing Rs 1.5 lakh crore while presenting the budget for the 15th time. "The budget had been used to oppose the Central Government and destroyed its sanctity... Without attending a single meeting of the Niti Aayog and attacking the government in the budget is just for the sake of politics," he said, adding that the Congress has made Karnataka bankrupt.

CM blames Centre for 'injustice' to Karnataka

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MANY of the mega projects, including Bengaluru's Peripheral Ring Road and sports complexes of international standards in four places in the state capital, have been taken under Public Private Partnership (PPP) to reduce financial burden on the state government. Apart from these, installing solar panels in back waters, developing Brindavan Gardens at Krishnaraj Sagar (KRS) dam, electric vehicles charging centres and petrol bunks in APMCs, are also taken under PPP model. Eyeing Bengaluru seats in the Lok Sabha polls, the CM announced many projects to ease city traffic, including a tunnel road on a pilot basis which will be constructed this year at Hebbal Junction. His budget also focused on the Bengaluru Suburban Rail project, metro connectivity and adding 1,334 new electric buses to BMTC. The CM's focus on education is more on infrastructure and adopting technology.

Siddaramaiah said the government's decision on waiver of interest on overdue medium and long term loans from District Cooperative Central (DCC) and Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development (PCARD) banks (earlier announced during the Belagavi session in December 2023), would benefit 57,000 farmers. The government will provide Rs 450 crore financial assistance by way of compensation to the banks under the scheme, he said.

The CM in his budget speech blamed the Union government for not giving 'justice' to Karnataka in the 15th Finance Commission and through other grants.

Mekedatu, Kalasa top priority chart

IRRIGATION

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

THE ambitious Mekedatu project figured prominently in the State budget with CM Siddaramaiah giving a push for speedy clearance. The government has already set up two separate project divisions to implement the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and drinking water project of Cauvery river valley.

The CM said a survey has been initiated to identify land and count trees that will be submerged. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to take up the project on priority and commence work early, after obtaining the necessary clearances.

Siddaramaiah said a pre-commissioning test has been conducted by discharging water into the delivery chamber near Doddanagara, under the Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Project, and announced work on a balancing reservoir to discharge water into a gravity canal.

Referring to the Kalasa Banduri project in North Karnataka, he announced that the Central Water Commission has given clearance for a detailed project report to utilize 3.9tmcft of water under the Kalasa-Banduri Nala Diversion Project, and the government has begun the tender process, anticipating clearance from the National Board for Wildlife. However, forest clearance has been deferred.

To meet the demand of farmers following reduction in water storage capacity of Tungabhadra reservoir due to silt accumulation, a detailed project report has been prepared for constructing a balancing reservoir near Navali in Koppal district at a cost of Rs 15,600 crore, in consultation with Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Raitha Yojane brings hope in times of distress

AGRICULTURE

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WITH the demand for scientific prices for farm produce getting louder and greater, to making the agriculture sector lucrative with an integrated system, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced a novel Karnataka Raitha Samruddhi Yojane, bringing new hope for farmers who have been battered by consecutive drought and floods.

Claiming that the government's top priority is to make agriculture sustainable and lucrative, CM Siddaramaiah allocated Rs 6,688 cr -- 2 per cent of the total budget -- for agriculture and horticulture. He announced that integrated agriculture would be encouraged from the current financial year, with guidance and support to the farming community. Comprehensive agriculture is inclusive of agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture and dairy farming; it also involves selection of crops based on soil characteristics and market demands, other than raising awareness about new agricultural practices and technologies, and market linkages.

Though the budget is silent on loan waiver, Siddaramaiah announced the creation of an Agriculture Development Authority to facilitate effective implementation of policies.

The CM announced a Food Processing Directorate to avoid wastage of agricultural produce and bunch all food processing schemes under the directorate. Food parks are to be set up near airports under the Public-Private Partnership, at Sogane in Shivamogga, Ittangihala in Vijayapura district and Pujenahalli in Bengaluru Rural district.

He announced the reintroduction of Krishi Bhagya Yojane which had become extremely popular during the earlier Congress tenure, and allocated grants of Rs 200 crore. Community seed banks are planned to protect local seeds that are on the verge of extinction, and millets will be promoted in a big way.

AGRICULTURE SECTOR NEEDS ITS OWN 'GUARANTEE' TO THRIVE

THE budget expectedly engaged at length over the issue of tax devolution and tax framework.

While announcing the implementation of guarantees, the government had claimed that it won't affect the development trajectory. The budget boldly claims, "These programmes are aimed at creating a just and fair society by redistribution of wealth."

Fair enough. However, as the state is yet to achieve prosperity, the need to invest in agriculture and allied sectors is seen in bold relief by the negative growth in the sector. The drought situation that has led to the negative growth of 1.8% in agriculture is proof enough to underscore the vulnerability of the sector in a state like Karnataka where over 60% area is rain-fed (second only to Rajasthan).

With climate change looming, the earlier conceptual framework of drought needs to be changed radically. It needs a bold approach to propose ideas and programmes to face the climate change impact. The vulnerability of agrarian world is exacerbated not only by the escalating cost of cultivation, but also by distorted practices. In such a context, agriculture too needed a guarantee to make it more resilient.

That is what is precisely missing in the budget.

The allocation for agriculture has decreased over the years. The solution to agrarian crisis depends on marketing and value addition seems to be the ruling assumption. The course correction at production level (depletion of soil nutrients, overdependence on chemical inputs, water crisis etc.) is at the core of the crisis.

KP Suresha
Consultant on sustainable agriculture and rural livelihoods

The budgetary programmes for the sector betray this lack of understanding by prioritising value-addition and marketing. Most of these programmes are under the PPP model! Obviously, this reduces the role of the state and allows private investment to control agri-produce marketing.

That brings us to the core of the paradox. The Karnataka government is trying to project a Karnataka Model within the tax and devolution framework which it is opposing only in terms of greater share. It is obvious that it is unlikely to win this battle as the central government controls every possible platform of the tax framework. The idea of asserting federal autonomy is just. But the governments live by the year, practically.

The budget's wholehearted adherence to a liberalised economy thwarts its ambition of achieving a paradigm shift in terms of redistribution of wealth. At least a long-term vision that a paradigm shift in terms of equitable distribution "lies in revitalising agrarian economy" should have prompted the government to invest more on the agriculture sector, be it greater support to sustainable agriculture or price stabilisation. Guarantees have helped crores of families, yet certain sectors need similar huge investments. The inability of the government to restructure its priorities have resulted in trying to accommodate the demands of every sector without the financial deep pocket.

The government should have invested in agriculture on par with guarantees. Its indifference/ inability will lead to inevitable stagnation that will aggravate the crisis, ultimately allowing it to reach a tipping point of no return.

Nifty budget manager has eye on growth, political gains

ANALYSIS

Karnataka's budget this year is under strong financial stress, and managing the books must have been a challenging exercise for the finance department and veteran budget manager Shri Siddaramaiah. He has long experience in presenting and defending 14 State budgets.

Devolution from the Finance Commission is one of the main issues. The State economy is poised to grow at a nominal rate of 10.2% (6.6% in real terms) in 2024-25. The reduction in share of devolution, from 4.713% from the 14th Finance Commission (FC) to 3.64% from the 15th FC, posed a new challenge to the State to meet its revenue requirement and match its expenditure ends. The devolution to Karnataka, which witnessed significant growth from Rs 14,809 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 35,895 crore in 2018-19, has remained around Rs 32,155 core in the last five financial years.

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The change in methodology for horizontal allocation of the pool of all taxes; adoption of GST with limited tax autonomy and fiscal space to States; depriving States of their legitimate share of revenue from cess and duties, were partially responsible for reduction in share, resulting in an estimated loss of Rs 1.87 lakh crore in the process. Similarly, grant-in-aid to the State has been hovering around Rs 16,583 crore since 2016-17, and is expected to be lower in 2024-25 at Rs 15,299 crore. Therefore, management of the fiscal house was truly a challenge.

In this background, the budget created some interesting expectations amid opposition to the five guarantees provided by the government. It was managed prudently in the last budget. Along with the five guarantee schemes, works worth Rs 21,168 crore and Rs 2,230 crore were approved for inclusive and accelerated development.

In the growth decomposition of the state economy, the services sector registered a growth of 8.7 per cent. However, the industrial sector grew at a slightly lower rate of 7.5 per cent, but performance of the agriculture sector registered a decline to 1.8 per cent due to bad weather. Even with this, the FDI recorded an impressive addition of $2.8 billion. This year, the State tax revenue has shown a substantial gain and reached Rs 1,89,893 crore, that is 17.58 per cent higher than the revised estimate.

The most important aspect of this budget was focus on revenue, with total revenue receipts pegged at Rs 2,63,177 crore, which is over 16 per cent higher than the revised estimate of 2023-24. Of the total revenue, Central government grants are expected to be Rs 15,299 crore. This indicates an intelligent manoeuvring in maintaining revenue and fiscal deficits within the FRBM limit. Since he did not increase taxes, the revenue account deficit stands at Rs 27,353 crore on higher provision for salaries and pensions, to the tune of Rs 80,434 crore and Rs 32,355 crore, due for the Seventh Pay Commission.

A quick analysis of emerging deficits is more due to shortage of revenue sources and difficulties in garnering revenue in the face of Central grants. Even under this stressful revenue situation, the finance minister has managed to keep fiscal deficit well within the FRBM requirement of below 3% of the GSDP. Given the slender spaces under the stress of revenue generation and promises to keep the budget is cautiously managed without any significant step-up in taxes, and putting the people of Karnataka in economic difficulty.

The revenue deficit is about Rs 27,354 crore, and is higher than the revised estimate of last year. Fiscal deficit is pegged at Rs 82,981 crore, which is 2.95 per cent of the GSDP. The CM stated that liabilities at the end of 2024-25 would be to the tune of Rs 6,65,095 crore, which is 23.68% of GSDP. In totality, the finance minister has very effectively managed the budget to meet the norms of fiscal discipline, by confining fiscal deficit and total outstanding liabilities within the FRBM limits.

An overall analysis of presentation of this budget involved major challenges. This budget shows that 52 per cent of the total revenue comes from its own tax efforts but also shows 28 per cent borrowings to manage the books. The share of Central taxes and grants are estimated at about 16 per cent of the revenue. This can be called a growth-inducing budget with $2.8 billion Foreign Direct Investment flowing in, and good encouragement to industries and services. It has a strong welfare angle with allocations to minorities, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

The Chief Minister looks forward to a prosperous Karnataka, and with a smart move for the forthcoming election, has provided support to farmers, women, youth and marginalized sections. This will be seen as growth orientation with inherent political gains.

EDU SECTOR GETS ₹850 CR FOR INFRA UPGRADE

Govt to harness funds from CSR, PPP to improve minority institutes and schools in rural areas

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THE state budget bets big on infrastructure development and improving the learning gap in primary and higher education with a focus on upskilling. A major portion of budget allotment for 2024-25 emphasises on upgradation (Rs 850 crore) of not just institutions, but also inclusion of newer grades in already-existing primary schools and introduction of pre-university colleges on school campuses.

The budget aims to bring in more funds from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Public Private Partnerships (PPP) to improve schools in rural areas and for minorities. A grant of Rs 10 lakh each will be made to upgrade science labs in PU colleges to improve enrolment of students in STEM courses and in science streams. A total of 2,000 primary schools will be upgraded to be bilingual, teaching both Kannada and English, given the demand for English medium schools in rural areas.

A training programme at a cost of Rs 10 crore will be introduced for 20,000 students preparing for NEET/JEE/CET in government PU colleges, announced Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY

The University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) will be upgraded on the lines of IIT at Rs 500 crore. The government will give Rs 100 crore, while the rest will have to be mobilised through CSR funds.

To help students and teachers file patents, a corpus of Rs 10 crore will be created.

Navu Manujaru – a two-hour interactive weekly class in all schools and colleges on ideas of social harmony, scientific temper and coexistence -- will be introduced.

Rs 54 crore allocated for Mysuru Maharani Women's Science College and Rs 116 crore for building a hostel at Maharani Arts and Commerce College

He also reiterated the government's promise of providing free electricity and water at all government schools and PU colleges, benfiting 46,829 government schools and 1,234 colleges with a grant of Rs 25 crore.

But recruitment of teachers and lecturers which has been a persistent demand of students and experts has not been addressed nor any allotment made to address the shortage. The budget mentioned, in passing, that "Recruitment of teachers in various subjects in Government Primary, High schools and PU Colleges in the state will be started."

To improve the participation of women in higher education, government women' first grade colleges and women polytechnics will be upgraded at a cost of Rs 30 crore. Emphasis has been made on promoting scientific temperament in the state, while Rs 50 crore has been earmarked to provide science and computer labs and internet facilities under a two-year package in high schools.

A majority of the budget for social welfare and minority welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes includes upgradation of residential schools and development of new hostels to cater to the growing demand.

Yuvanidhi Plus to create 25k jobs for youth

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A STATE Skill Olympics and State Skill Policy will be framed for the effective utilization of human resources, announced Chief Minister in the budget.

Upskilling initiative also took centre stage in the budget with the government announcing Yuvanidhi Plus initiative, which will prepare 25,000 youngsters for the job market, under various ongoing skill courses.

Several benefits were also announced for youth empowerment and sports, with a state-level olympics and mini olympics for those under the age of 14.

Upskill initiative

- Skill Academy in Sanduru of Ballari at a cost of Rs 300 crore
- First centre of excellence concentrating on CNC (Computer Numerical Control) technology in KGTTI, Kalaburagi at Rs 16 crore
- 50,000 women SHG-owned micro-enterprises will be developed over 2 years
- District Level Incubation Centres will be established in a phased manner in all 31 districts in collaboration with IIM-B
- Affordable and secure transit hostels will be set up for students and working women

Social welfare gets ₹4Kcr boost

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Demonstrating his commitment for the uplift of SCs, STs, OBCs and minorities, CM Siddaramaiah announced an allocation of ₹39,121 crore for this sector -- a significant increase of ₹4,827 crore over the previous allocation of ₹34,294 crore. It includes ₹27,674 crore for a Scheduled Castes sub-plan and ₹11,448 crore for a Scheduled Tribes sub-plan.

EDUCATION SECTOR A PRIORITY

- ₹2,710 cr for construction of residential schools, hostels of SCs, STs, backward classes and minority welfare departments
- 29 new residential school complexes will be started at a cost of ₹638 crore, residential schools by KREIS in 20 hoblis, 18 new hostels
- 31 new postmatric hostels to boost higher education among SC/STs
- Food allowance increased by ₹100 per month for students in hostels and residential schools run by social welfare, tribal welfare, backward classes and minority welfare department
- All schools which have Classes 1 to 5 will get Class 6 from the next academic year; Schools having Class 7 will get Class 8
- Strength of schools will increase from 25 to 40 students
- 14 hostels each for boys and girls, with a strength of 100 students, to be set up in 7 districts
- Stipend of ₹15,000 for 200 engineering graduates enrolled in 6-12 month vocational training courses such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in IISc, IITs, NITs

RENAMING OF ASHRAM SCHOOLS

Vacant posts in tribal welfare dept to be filled

Ashram Schools run by the department to be renamed Maharshi Valmiki Adivasi Budakattu Residential Schools

₹1,750 CRORE FOR CORPORATIONS

Funds to set up study chair in memory of Padmashri Dr Siddalingaiah at Bengaluru University

Programmes at a cost of ₹1,750 crore will be formulated through various corporations under social welfare and tribal welfare dept

RARE DISEASES TREATMENT CORPUS

₹35 crore corpus fund to be created to provide financial assistance to SC/ST patients suffering from rare medical diseases

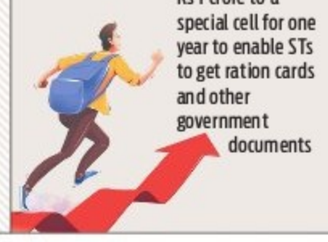
Destitute shelter with capacity of 500 inmates will come up in East Bengaluru at a cost of ₹10 crore

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Training to be imparted to 5,000 budding photographers in drone-based photography and videography

Monthly stipend of Rs 25,000 for 100 research students pursuing post-doctoral fellowship programme and not receiving any fellowship

Two initiatives for comprehensive development of 23 nomadic, semi-nomadic communities like Koraga, Jenu Kuruba, Yarava, Kadu Kuruba, Soliga, Gonda, Siddhi, Malaikudi, Kudiya, Hasalaru, Gowdalu, Bettakuruba, Hakki-Pikki, Iruliga, Rajagonda, Harinishikari and others



Rs 1 crore to a special cell for one year to enable STs to get ration cards and other government documents

CM PROPOSES INDUSTRIAL NODE NEAR DHARWAD

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IN what appears to be big a boost to North Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has proposed an industrial node near Dharwad, which is expected to resolve the unemployment problem in the region.

In his budget speech, the Chief Minister said the industrial node will be established in 6,000 acres of land near Dharwad under Bengaluru-Mumbai economic corridor programme, in collaboration with the Central government. "This will resolve the unemployment problem of North Karnataka region and encourage economic development," he added.

Besides, he has also proposed that a new Textile Policy 2024-29 will be formulated for the development of textile and weaving sector. Through this, a capital investment of Rs 10,000 crore is expected, along with generation of two lakh jobs. The policy will also promote greater investment and employment opportunities.

He also proposed a Mega Textile Park in 1,000 acres land in Kalaburagi district under PPP model in collaboration between the state and central governments. The Park is expected to generate direct employment for one lakh people and indirect employment for two lakh people. A grant of Rs 50 crore has been earmarked for supplemental infrastructure for the project.

NORTHWARD TRAJECTORY

Knowledge, Health Care, Innovation and Research (KHIR) city to be established in 2,000 acres near Bengaluru to attract an investment of ₹40,000 cr and provide employment to 80,000 people

A scientific drone-based survey to assess the current state of mining and control illegal mining, which will boost revenue collection

New sugar factory will be established on the premises of Mandya sugar factory

Mini-textile parks in 25 districts

A common facility centre and Jeans apparel park in Ballari

New textile parks will be constructed in Kittur Karnataka, Kalyana Karnataka (Raichur) and Mysuru regions under public-private-partnership. It is expected to create 10,000 jobs in the coming years

Economic Survey flags challenges in keeping fiscal deficit at a low

REVENUE

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THE Karnataka Economic Survey 2023-24 released on Friday cautioned against the trend of increase in government expenditure and decline in revenue collection.

"The state has better fiscal conditions through prioritising expenditures as well as improving revenue collections. This has implications for the fiscal position of the state. However, with the increasing government expenditure and declining government revenues, keeping the fiscal deficit at a low is challenging," the survey stated.

However, Karnataka managed to contain the fiscal deficit to 2.8% of GSDP in 2022-23 (revised estimate) and further, for 2023-24 (budget estimate), the fiscal deficit has been targeted at 2.6%, which is lesser than in the previous year.

But as claimed by Siddaramaiah in his budget, the fiscal deficit is at 2.95% which is close to the limit of 3% of the GSDP as per the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act. In the survey, it is stated that in 2023-24, budget programmes have been formulated for the overall development of the state by achieving higher economic development and maintaining fiscal discipline.

As per Advance Estimates of 2022-23, the GDP growth rate of India is estimated at 7%, whereas GSDP growth rate for Karnataka is estimated at 7.9%. "In nominal terms, the GSDP growth rate of Karnataka is estimated at 14.2% whereas for all-India, growth rate is 15.4%," it stated.

The survey indicated the increasing trend of non-development expenditure which was at 27.26% (Rs 19,344.94 crore) in 2010-11 as against development expenditure of 72.74% (Rs 51,626 crore). It is being hiked to 34.46% at Rs 1,12,936.47 crores as against development expenditure of 65.54% at Rs 2,14,810.12 crore in 2023-24 budget estimate. The trend has been attributed by the experts due to the government's failure in taking austerity measures.

The Opposition, especially JDS of former CM H D Kumaraswamy, had also raised the issue of the incumbent government creating posts with cabinet rank to placate the ruling Congress members. It had set a wrong precedent that may prove a burden on the state's exchequer given the salaries and the perks involved. The BJP has criticised the government for creating the posts for the Congress workers to monitor the implementation of the government's five guarantees.

"If the trend of increase in non-development and government expenditure prevails, it may result in the fiscal deficit going up. Which is why the government is unlikely to fill up the vacancies as it may further add to the expenditure," remarked an expert. The survey did not analyse the financial implications of the five guarantees. "The Gruha Lakshmi scheme will play a prominent role in easing the daily financial pressures and ensuring the economic empowerment of women," it said.

Focus on eco, religious tourism, ₹100 cr for Anjanadri Hill

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday announced a revised state tourism policy for 2024-29 with an aim to attract more tourists and investors. He said the series of allocations for tourism sector are to tap the tourism potential of the state to the fullest.

While religious tourism gets a boost, the state is also planning to promote public private partnership (PPP) model for setting up adventure and water sports zones in the backwaters of dams and coastal areas of the state. Siddaramaiah announced Rs 100 crore grant for developing Anjanadri Hill, the birthplace of Lord Hanuman, and its surrounding areas in Koppal district. The area holds mythological and historical importance and the amount will be released to build tourism infrastructure in the region.

THE ROADMAP

- Ropeway and cable car projects at 10 tourism destinations
- PPP model for adventure and water sports in backwaters and on beaches
- ₹100 crore grant for development of Anjanadri Hill
- ₹15 crore for revival of ancient water supply system in Bidar and Vijayapura districts
- Interpretation centres at Bandipur, Dandeli and Kabini by JLR to promote eco-tourism
- Eco-tourism promotion at Kappatagudda in Gadag district

Meanwhile, a notification has been issued on constituting Sri Renuka Yellamma Tourism Development Board to conserve and develop areas in and around Srikshetra Renuka Yellamma Temple in Saundatti taluk of Belagavi district.

The government also announced plans to develop tourism infrastructure at Gokak waterfalls in Belagavi. There has been a long- pending demand to develop tourism amenities at this waterfall which is also known as mini Naigara falls.

"Water sports and adventure tourism will be developed in the backwaters of major reservoirs and on beaches of coastal areas under public-private-partnership in the state. Under adventure tourism, cable car and ropeway facilities will be developed at 10 major tourist spots," Siddaramaiah announced.

The CM said, around 530 protected monuments in the state are digitally documented using 3D laser scanning. "The credit goes to our state for being the first in the country for undertaking this work. This digital data will be further developed to provide an interactive and immersive digital experience," he said.

IN THE COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE:
BENGALURU RURAL DIST.
AT BENGALURU
C. Misc. No.1225/2023

Between:MANJULA, D/o. Venkateswarmaiah, Grand Daughter of Abbeyya, Aged about 30 years, R/at. No. 737, Govindappa Building, Balajinagar, Hebbegodi, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560099. ...**Petitioner.**

And: The Tahsildhar, Registrar of Birth & Deaths Bengaluru South Tq. ...**Respondent.**

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WHEREAS, the above Petitioner has filed the Petition for issue of Death Certificate of deceased who is the Second Grand Mother to the Petitioner named Smt. MUNIYAMMA, W/o. Late. Abbeyya, as he died on 02.07.1970 at Doddathoguru Village, Bengaluru South Taluk, the same is required for documentation purpose.

Any person interest in this matter, may appear before the above court at **11.00 a.m. on 14.03.2024** to which date the case is posted for hearing before the Hon'ble C.J.M. Bengaluru Rural Dist, Bengaluru.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court this the day of 15/2/2024

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate
Bangalore Rural District Bangalore

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I, Rakhee M Sadarangani W/o Late Mahesh Bansilal Sadarangani, R/a #59, 3rd cross, 1st stage, okalipuram, Bangalore- 560021 have lost my bags which contains property's original Sale Deed along with other Documents, it was Registered in my late Husband Name as Mahesh M Sadarangani. Registered with Tamilnadu Sub-register office at Hosur, Registered No. 1996-1551. Above Said Documents lost on 3.2.2024 while traveling in auto rikshaw from okali puram to Majestic, Bangalore. If anybody found please Call: 9243453407 ORnearby Police Station.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client, N.Ramesh, Managing Director of Lasya Developers, No.64/2, Gurumurthappa Garden, Sarakki Main Road, J.P.Nagar I Phase, Bangalore has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 01.08.2011 registered as document No.RMN-1-02900/2011-12 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Ramanagar in respect of the property bearing Site No.230, Khata No.756/230, measuring East to West : 50 Ft, North to South : 80 ft, totally measuring 4000 Sq.Fts, in the layout known as Magnolia Gardens carved out of converted land in Sy.No.87/4 of Shanumangala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk. A police complaint dated 02.02.2024 bearing Lost report No.0914618/2024 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my client. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within seven days of this Notice and the later claims will not be entertained.

Place :Bengaluru
Date :16.02.2024

ADINATH NARDE, Advocates,
No.101, First Floor, "The Presidency",
Old No. 1, New No.82, St. Mark's Road,
Bangalore-01, Ph: 22247651/22104246

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client, Manjula Ramesh, No.64/2, Gurumurthappa Garden, Sarakki Main Road, J.P.Nagar I Phase, Bangalore-77 has lost the Original Gift Deeds dated 11.03.2013 executed by N.Ramesh registered as (i)document No.RMN-1-12743/2012-13, Book1, CD No.RMND195 in respect of Site No.33, Khata No.80/33, measuring East to West : 70 Ft, North to South : 56 ft, total measuring 3920 Sq.Fts and (ii) document No.RMN-1-12749/2012-13, Book1, CD No.RMND195 in respect of Site No.47, Khata No.80/47, measuring East to West : 70 Ft, North to South : 40 ft, total measuring 2800 Sq.Fts, both in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Ramanagar and the said sites are in the layout known as Magnolia Lasya carved out of converted Sy.No.31 of Bheemenahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk. A police complaint dated 15.02.2024 bearing Lost report No.0932960/2024 and dated 02.02.2024 bearing Lost report No.0914606/2024 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above properties in any manner, the same will not be binding on my client. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within seven days of this Notice and any later claims will not be entertained.

Place :Bengaluru
Date :16.02.2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner, **M/s.Maloo Constructions [India] Pvt. Ltd.,** represented by its Director, Mr.Hiralal Maloo, having its office at No.A-204/205, 2nd floor, 25/226, Brigade majestic, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of non-agricultural industrial land identified as Plot No.15, admeasuring 6.06 Guntas and Plot No.19, admeasuring 6.06 Guntas, carved out of non-agricultural industrial land bearing Sy.No.191 (part of Old Sy.No.165), together with a factory shed thereon, situated at Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and bounded on:

East by : 12 Mtrs. Road
West by : 12 Mtrs. Road
North by : 12 Mtrs. Road
South by : Plot Nos.14 and 20

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-17604, 96461-17659)

Tender Enquiry No. 1627/BMC/O&M/PC-2514 **Dated : 16.02.2024**

Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the **Procurement of Baskets (Heating Elements) for APHs for 2x210 MW Stage-I, GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat,** Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 16.02.2024 from 17:00 hrs onwards.**

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**

173/GHTP-12/24-2/16/2024
76155/12/2725/2023/32568

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, BENGLURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road,
Bengaluru - 560 001, Ph: 080-22244324, Fax : 080 22244325/326

POSTPONMENT OF E- AUCTION SALE
RC 50/2021 in OA No.167/2020
CANARA BANK V/S. SMT. VEDAVATHI

It is to inform all the concerned that, the online e- auction sale in **RC 50/2021** (OA No. 167/2020) between **Canara Bank V/s. Smt. Vedavathi** scheduled to be held on **22.02.2023** on the website of **https://www.ccsl.co.in** as per Sale Proclamation /E-Auction Sale notice dated 10.01.2024 is hereby **postponed until further orders.**

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at Bengaluru on the 16.02.2024.

Sd/-
P.H. Hemanth Kumar, IRS
Recovery Officer

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE I ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, AT BENGALURU
C. Misc. NO. 6414/2023

BETWEEN: Sri. M. Srinivas & OTHERS ...**Petitioners**
AND: The Registrar of Births & Deaths, BBMP, Bengaluru South ...**Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the petitioners have filed this petition under Section 13(3) of the Births and Deaths Act, 1969. Sri M. Srinivas, aged about 72 years, S/o. late Muniyappa, residing at No.67, 6th Main, Navodayanagara, J.P. Nagar 7th Stage, Bengaluru-560 078. and Sri. GOPAL M., aged about 56 years, S/o.Muniyappa, residing at No.250, 3rd Main Road Friends Layout, Church Street, Kothanuru District, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, Bangalore-560 078, and their mother Smt. G. LAKSHMAKKA, W/o. late Muniyappa died on 28.07.2010 at No.67, 6th Main, Navodayanagara, J.P. Nagar 7th Stage, Bengaluru-560 078. After the death of the petitioner's mother, the above mentioned petitioners family members have not applied for death certificate. As per the procedure, the petitioner filed a Cri. Misc. No.6414/2023 case before the Hon'ble I ACCM at Bengaluru and hearing date is on **04-03-2024** any body interest, please come and appear.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 15-02-2024.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, 1st Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bengaluru.

PRASHANTH K.S, Advocate
No.1029, 5th Main Road, 3rd Phase, Basaveswaranagara, Bangalore-560 079, Mobile: 8553580688

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the General Public that our client **SRI.R.KRISHNAREDDY,** Son of Ramachandra Reddy, Residing at No.582, 19th Cross, 23rd B Main, HSR Layout 2nd Sector, Bangalore-560102, has entered into an AGREEMENT OF SALE dated 22-01-2024 to purchase the Schedule Property from **MR.WAQAR AHMED,** Son of late Mr.Iftekhar Ahmed, Residing at No.149, 16th Main Road, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076.

MR.WAQAR AHMED, Son of late Mr.Iftekhar Ahmed, claims that his VENDOR [SRI.MANGALADAS MADATHIL] executed a GPA in favour of SRI.K.SASIDHARAN, which was lost by him in BTM Layout, for which he lodged a complaint.

Any person/s, firms, institutions, brokers, agents, or any other body having claim in any manner or right, title, claim, lien or interest in the Schedule Property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim within 15 days from the date of this notification, failing which, our client will be advised to proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property Site No.106, Khatha No.946/37/106, (Old No.946) situated at DODDAKANNELLI VILLAGE, VARTHUR HOBLI, BANGALORE EAST TALUK, presently coming under the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West:-40 feet and North to South:-30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Property No.105, South by: Property No.107,

C L & ASSOCIATES,
N.GANESH, E.SURESH,
HANUMANTHA REDDY.Y, MUKESH.T.M,
ADVOCATES,
No.78, Ground Floor, cross, 11th Main,
Behind 'BDA Shopping Complex' 6th Sector,
HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.
e-mail:ganigamini@yahoo.co.in,
e- mail: ganigamini123@gmail.com.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: **Sri.Kiran S Mathada**
E-mail ID:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9513512266
Landline No.(office): 080-25943663

#11/90,3rd Floor,
Opposite Trust Well Hospital,
J.C.Road, Bengaluru – 560002
Ph No: 080 25943663, Fax: 080 25943664
E-mail – sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX-IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and the Borrower/Mortgager in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank,will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS"and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** basis on **11.03.2024** for recovery of **Rs.2,04,02,612/-** (Rupees Two Crore Four Lakh Two Thousand Six Hundred Twelve Only) as on 07.02.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 08.02.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru from Borrower **Mr. Asif Ebrahim S/o Sri.Mohammed Ebrahim Siddique.**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1. Flat No.103	Rs.75,82,000/-	Rs.7,58,200/-	Rs.50,000/-
2. Flat No.102	Rs.56,87,000/-	Rs.5,68,700/-	Rs.30,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

Tender No:05173/KM/1039
Property– Title deed holder:Sri. Asif Ebrahim S/o Sri. Mohammed Ebrahim Siddique
PROPERTY NO.1

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the converted land in Sy No.31/2, situated at Thalaghattapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (Duly converted for Non-Agricultural purpose by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, vide conversion order bearing Nos. 1) No.BDS,ALN,SR(S) 74/97-98, dated 12.11.1997 and 2) No.BDS,ALN,SR(S) 325/2004-05, dated 04.10.2004),measuring an extent to 28.54 guntas and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Land belongs to Muniyellappa.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 103 (3BHK), in Ground Floor, measuring 1560 Sq. Ft. of Super Built Area put up in property forming part of Apartment Building known as "SV SPRING WOODS", together with 479 Sq. ft. of undivided share right, title, interest and ownership and sital are comprising of the flat and one car parking marked as at the stilt/Basement floor in Schedule "A" property standing in the name of Sri Asif Ebrahim S/o Sri. Mohammed Ebrahim Siddique and is bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Flat No.104, North by : Flat No.102, South by : Land belongs to Sri Muniyellappa.

Tender No:05173/KM/1040
Property– Title deed holder:Sri. Asif Ebrahim S/o Sri. Mohammed Ebrahim Siddique
PROPERTY NO.2

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the converted land in Sy No.31/2, (Duly converted for Non-Agricultural purpose by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, vide conversion order bearing Nos. 1) No.BDS,ALN,SR(S) 74/97-98, dated 12.11.1997 and 2) No.BDS,ALN,SR(S) 325/2004-05, dated 04.10.2004),situated at Thalaghattapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hemmigepura Ward No. 198 and BBMP has assigned BBMP Khata No. 266/356/31/2 measuring an extent to 28.54 guntas and bounded on the : East by : Road,West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Land belongs to Muniyellappa.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 102 (2BHK), in Ground Floor, measuring 1170 Sq. Ft of Super Built Area put up in property forming part of Apartment Building known as "SV SPRING WOODS", together with 355 Sq. ft. of undivided share right, title, interest and ownership and sital are comprising of the flat and one car parking marked at the stilt/Basement floor in Schedule "A" property and all other facilities,lift, generator, KEB connection and all other facilities, standing in the name of Sri Asif Ebrahim s/o Sri Mohammed Ebrahim Siddique and is bounded on the East by : Internal Road, West by : Corridor & cutout, North by : Lift & Staircase, South by : Flat No. 103.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,** #11/90, 3rd Floor, Opposite Trust Well Hospital, J. C. Road, Bengaluru – 560002, **Telephone: 080 25943663** or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore Representative: **Sri. Chayapathy, Cell No.9901902500.**
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date: 13.02.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer & Chief Manager,
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board
Office of the Chief Engineer
Jalamandali Compound, Sir. M. Visvesvaraya Road, Dharwad - 580001
Phone No: 0836-2447090 E-mail: kwbcen@gmail.com

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender for the following Work is invited (Two Tender Document System) through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from the eligible Agencies / Contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial eligibility criteria. This office Tender Notification No: **2199** Dated: **15-02-2024.** PROVIDING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO **KAGWAD, SHEDBAL AND UGARKHURD TOWNS**, PROVIDING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO **MALLAPUR PG (GHATAPRABHA), ARABHAVI, KALLOLLI, NAGANUR AND MUDALAGI** & PROVIDING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO **ANKALAGI - AKKATANGERHAL TOWN**" INCLUDING OPERATION & MAINTENANCE FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS (INCLUDING 1 YEAR DLP) UNDER AMRUT 2.0 THROUGH DESIGN, BUILD OPERATION AND TRANSFER (DBOT) Mode (Lumpsum Tender - No Variation)
INDENTNO.KUWSDB/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT160.
For further information visit e-Procurement Portal or The Office of the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad may be contacted.

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER,
DIPR/Dharwad/803/Adverto/2023-24 **KUWS & D BOARD, DHARWAD.**

Can Fin Homes Ltd
Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS @ DEPOSITS
RAMANAGARAM BRANCH
No.03,1106/624/1, First Floor, Sadvi Complex
B M Road, Vivekananda Nagar, Ramanagaram - 562159.
0820-27271211,7625079232
E-mail: ramanagaram@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]
(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **01.12.2023** calling upon the borrowers **Mrs.SUSHMA G M** and **Mr. Cheluva N** and **(Guarantor)** Mr . **Anthony** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.**25,65,393**/- (Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security InterestEnforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **15TH** day of **FEBURARY**of the year **2024**.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of **Rs.25,65,393/-** (Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three) and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Khata No. 500/226 PID NO:152900402400500454 Situated at Channamanahalli Village, Anjanapura Post Kailancha Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk Ramanagara Karnataka-562159, East to West- 6.096 Mtr, North to South- 21.3360 Mtr, in all measuring 130.06 or 1399.18 Sq ft Bounded on the North by : Road, East by : Property of Praabhesh, West by : Property of Thippaiah, South by:Dhari.

Sd/-
Date: 16.02.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Ramanagaram **Can Fin Homes Ltd.,**

GOVT. OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
DRAINAGE CIRCLE, UNIT-8 BHUBANESWAR-751012

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO. ACEDC-BBSR-09/2023-24
A-: email Id :- sedrainagebbsr12@gmail.com

1.	Total number of Works	:	1 no. of work as mentioned below.
2.	Name of Works	:	IMPROVEMENT TO STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM OF BALARAM DRAINAGE CHANNEL PASSING THROUGH WARD NO-II AND WARD NO-III OF NAYAGARH TOWN UNDER NAYAGARH CONSTITUENCY.
3.	Estimated Cost	:	Rs. 4,90,87,571.00
4.	Bid Identification No.	:	ACEDC-BBSR/DD-KHR-21/2023-24
5.	Period of completion	:	11(Eleven) Calendar months.
6.	Class of Contractor	:	"A" CLASS
7.	Date and time of availability of Bid Document in the portal	:	17.02.2024, 11.00 Hours to 02.03.2024, 17.00 Hours.
8.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	:	04.03.2024 at 11.00 hours in the O/o the Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar.
9.	Date and time of receipt of Bids in the portal	:	17.02.2024, 11.00 Hours to 02.03.2024, 17.00 Hours.
10.	Last date and time of receipt of Bids in the portal	:	02.03.2024, 17.00 Hours.
11.	Date of opening of financial Bid.	:	To be uploaded in Portal after evaluation of technical bids.
12.	Date of Lottery (If required)	:	To be intimated to the responsive bidders through their Registered E-Mail IDs.
13.	Bid Security	:	1.Rs.4,90,876.00
14.	Cost of Tender paper	:	Rs.10,000/-
15.	Procurement Officer	:	Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar-751012.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in. Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation if any required will be published only in Govt. web site. www.tendersorissa.gov.in.

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer
OIPR-32375/11/0010/2324 **Drainage Circle, Bhubaneswar**

Can Fin Homes Ltd
Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS @ DEPOSITS
Koramangala Branch
586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block,
Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
koramangala@canfinhomes.com
Tel: 080-41112879/41115689 , Mob:7625079131
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 8(6)]

E-auction SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold by holding E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **22/03/2024**, for recovery of **Rs. 47,06,259/-** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Manjunath Lokanath and Mrs. Shwetha A S (Borrowers),** and **Mr. Lokanath P.N**.(Guarantor) as on 16/02/2024, together with further interest and other charges thereon.
The reserve price will be **Rs. 31,00,000/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,10,000/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Ten Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Western Portion of Site No. 137, Khatha No.181/187, Gangondanahalli Village, Dasanpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 20 Feet, North to South 30 Feet totally measuring 600Sq.Ft.along with house in Ground Floor 510 Sq.Ft. & First Floor 510 Sq.Ft. and Bounded on East by : Remaining portion of Site No.137, West by : Road, North by : Site No.136 & 138 and South by : Road
Encumbrances : Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com).Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx
Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Place: Bangalore
Date: 16.02.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Executive Engineer, BBMP Road, Yelahanka Division, BBMP, Bengaluru-560 064.

E-Auction Notification No: BBMP/EE/PR/14/2023-24 Date: 16.02.2024

E-Auction Notification

E-Auction of Commercial Complex Shops in Attur Main Road Ward No.03.

Sl. No.	Shop No.	Dimension (in Mtrs.)	Total Area (in Sq. Mtrs)	Schedule			
				East	West	North	South
GROUND FLOOR							
1	8	3.00 x 6.06	18.18	Road	Govt. School	Private Property	Stall No: 07
FIRST FLOOR							
2	10	3.00 x 6.06	18.18	Road	Govt. School	Stall No: 11	Stall No: 09
3	11	3.00 x 6.06	18.18	Road	Govt. School	Stall No: 12	Stall No: 10
4	12	3.00 x 6.06	18.18	Road	Govt. School	Stall No: 13	Stall No: 11
5	13	3.00 x 6.06	18.18	Road	Govt. School	Stall No: 14	Stall No: 12
6	14	3.00 x 6.06	18.18	Road	Govt. School	Stall No: 15	Stall No: 13
7	15	3.00 x 6.06	18.18	Road	Govt. School	Stall No: 16	Stall No: 14
8	16	3.00 x 6.06	18.18	Road	Govt. School	Private Property	Stall No: 15

1) Date & Last date of registration to participation in E-Auction : **17.02.2024 & 27.02.2024.**
2) Starting date of E-Auction Bidding : **27.02.2024 at 4.00 p.m.**
3) Last date of closing E-Auction : **28.02.2024 at 4.00 p.m.**
4) Opening bid for each shop: **Rs. 3700/- per month.**

Terms & condition of E-Auction and other details can be had from the above office during office hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Yelahanka Divsion, BBMP, Bengaluru

Can Fin Homes Ltd
Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS @ DEPOSITS
Bidadi Branch
Sri.Annapoorneshwari Complex,
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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property) [Rule 8 (1)]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice on the below mentioned dates calling upon the following borrower(s)/co-borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest at contractual rates till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, against each borrower, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **14th February 2024.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Out-standing Amount	Date of Possession
1	**Borrower: Mrs. R Lakshmi** W/o Late.Ramakrishnappa, **Mr. R Nagaraju** S/o Late. Ramakrishnappa, **Mr. R Chandru** S/o Late. Ramakrishnappa **& Mr. R Ravi** S/o Late. Ramakrishnappa **(Guarantor), Mr. Hanamantharaju**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Katha No 525, Present No 28, New Muncipal No 20/A Pid No 1-74-20/A Bbmp Ward No 38 Peenya 1st Stage 4th Block 17th Yeshwanthpura Hobli Bangalore North Bangalore 560058 measuring East to West 36 feet and North to South 24 feet, Total measuring 864 Square feet and bounded on: East by : Property Belongs To Thimmaiah, West by : Road, North by : Private Propeerty, South by : Remaining Portion of Same Property.	01.12.2023	Rs. 36,25,190/-	14.02.2024
2	**Borrower: Mr.Manjunath P** S/o Mr. Puttaswami **& Mrs.Rathna C** W/o Mr. Manjunath P **& Mr.Ravi Kumar** S/o Mr.Ramanna, **(Guarantor)**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Northern portion of Site no.34 Assessmentno 113 Katha no 113/1 Situated in Channadasi palya village Kurubaralli,Tavarekere Hobli, Banglore south taluk Bangalore. measuring East to West 30 Feet. and North to South 40 Feet, Total measuring 1200 Sqft and bounded on: East by : Site No. 35, West by :Site No. 33, North by :Road, South by : Private Property	29.09.2023	Rs. 35,79,635/-	14.02.2024

**Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.*
You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 16.02.2024
Place : Bidadi

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Limited

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"APPENDIX- II-A and IV-A"
[See proviso to rule 6(2) and 7]
E AUCTION SALE ON 04.03.2024
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 6(2) READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 7(2) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

The undersigned as Authorised Officer of State Bank of India has taken actual possession of property/ movables under section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Guarantors/ Mortgagers that the below described movable assets hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on"As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is" and "Whatever There Is" basis on **04.03.2024** for recovery of **Rs.59,21,68,661**/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Crore Twenty One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Six hundred and Sixty one Only) as on 31.01.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 01.02.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the Borrower: **M/s.Link Marble & Granites Pvt.Ltd.** and the **Guarantors: 1. Sri.Manpreet Singh Modi**, S/o.D.S.Modi, **2. Smt.Jaspreet Kaur Modi,** W/o.Gurumeet Singh Modi, **3. Smt.Satvinder Kaur Modi** W/o.Manpreet Singh Modi. **4. Sri.Gurumeet Singh Modi,** S/o.D.S.Modi.
The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid Increment amount, Time & Date of e-Auction for the movable assets will be as under:

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time and Date of e-auction
1.	Rs.2,76,00,000/- (For both Marbles and Granites)	Rs.27,60,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	From 11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. on 04.03.2024
2.	Rs.50,00,000/- (For both Marbles and Granites sheets)	Rs.5,00,000/-	Rs.50,000/-	From 11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. on 04.03.2024
3.	Rs.26,00,000/- (For both Marbles and Granites sheets)	Rs.2,60,000/-	Rs.25,000/-	From 11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. on 04.03.2024

DESCRIPTION OF MOVABLE ASSETS

1. Tender No: SBIN402213515601
Name of the Title Deed Holder: M/s.Link Marble & Granites Pvt.Ltd.
Movable Assets : Granites and Marbles Sheets purchased out of Bank's finance and charged to the bank at: Location: No. 2/1, Begehalli Village, Near Koppa Gate, Jigani Main Road, Bengaluru.
Reserve Price: Rs.2,76,00,000/-

2. Tender No. :SBIN402213515602
Name of the Title Deed Holder: M/s.Link Marble & Granites Pvt.Ltd.
Movable Assets : Granites and Marbles Sheets purchased out of Bank's finance and charged to the bank at Location: No. 26/8, Doddakannelli, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru.
**Reserve Price: Rs.50

EDITORIAL

The body is smart. It does not discern between external stimuli and stimuli from the imagination. It reacts equally viscerally to both

Gloria Anzaldúa

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

EC, GOVT MUST ENSURE SANCTITY OF ELECTORAL PROCESS

A day after the Supreme Court struck down the funding of political parties through electoral bonds as unconstitutional, the nation's largest opposition party claimed the income tax department had frozen its bank accounts. The development was brought to light by Congress treasurer Ajay Maken, who said the IT department's decision will prevent the party from participating in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, as it has no access to funds to pay salaries or to finance the ongoing Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra and other political activities. Though the Congress got relief from the IT Appellate Tribunal, which has allowed the party to operate its accounts until the final decision in the case, the severity of the department's order has raised the opposition's hackles. The IT department's decision tilts the electoral playing field, an issue the Supreme Court tried to tackle while scrapping electoral bonds. Opposition parties have also raised the issue of lack of coverage by both public and private media, which has a similar effect on the electoral playing field. If they are denied access to funds too, the field gets decisively tilted against them and the sanctity of the electoral process gets compromised.

It is, therefore, important to ensure parties' access to funds so that they can publicise their programmes and conduct campaigns without any hindrance. At stake is the citizenry's ability to exercise their franchise in an informed manner. Democracy suffers in the absence of an informed electorate. Ensuring a level playing field where neither side has an undue advantage creates a virtuous cycle, leading to a truly representative government.

The responsibility for ensuring equal access to resources and voters lies with the Election Commission as much as it does with the government of the day. Twenty-three opposition parties have sought an audience with the commission to present their case for tallying all voter-verifiable paper audit trail slips or VVPATs. The commission is yet to give them an audience. If concerns are being expressed by so many opposition parties regarding the electoral process, the commission is duty-bound to address them. The Election Commission must listen to the issues being raised in order to remove any doubts about the sanctity of the electoral process.

GUV'S ASSEMBLY SNUB IGNORES PEOPLE'S WILL

SINCE the DMK returned to power in Tamil Nadu in May 2021, its founder C N Annadurai's view of governors has been frequently quoted: a goat doesn't need a beard, and a state doesn't need a governor. While states and governors, viewed as the Union government's representatives, have had their tussles throughout independent India's history, recent years have seen opposition-ruled states raising the allegation that the post has been more politicised than ever before. Chief Minister M K Stalin on Thursday again levelled this charge against Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi and said he would never be cowed down by such "childish behaviour". The behaviour in question was Ravi's unprecedented move to refuse to read the governor's customary address, prepared by the government, in the state assembly. The governor claimed he could not read the text as it contained misleading statements and facts, although he did not specify which statements were misleading or not factual. He said the House should not be a forum for "venting blatantly partisan political views", a bewildering assertion regarding a space that is essentially political. However, he is right in stating that the Speaker's comments against him in the House after his refusal—later expunged, but recorded in a Raj Bhavan statement—were unbecoming. Last year, the governor had skipped some portions of the address and added some extempore remarks; the House had adopted a resolution to take only the prepared text on the records, following which he walked out.

Several scholars have reflected on the intrinsic tension in a governor having to read a text prepared by the government. The governor could have opted to skip addressing the House rather than read a text—which had been shown to him in advance—that he disagreed with. Having agreed to make the address, his actions can only be viewed as vexatious at best and "blatantly partisan" at worst. The House members are elected by the people, the ruling party is put in office by the people; flawed as our democracy may be, disrespecting the House and government is tantamount to disrespecting the people.

Tamil Nadu is not alone in its travails with troublesome governors. Punjab, Kerala and Telangana are in the same boat, making it obvious that at least some of the constitutional heads might be playing a political role. Repeatedly thwarting the will of the people is less a means of earning the electorate's support, than one of extorting it.

QUICK TAKE

A LESSON IN DEMOCRACY

WHEN Virat Kohli walked off before being given out in a World Cup match against Pakistan in 2019, it created a quandary because replays showed he had not nicked the ball. Now, we have a Pakistani walking off the victor's podium after being declared a winner. Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman won a seat in Karachi after securing more than 26,000 votes. But when he discovered that the votes for his main opponent, an independent candidate backed by Imran Khan, had been reduced from 31,000 to 11,000, he gave up his seat. Rehman's renunciation is a lesson in democratic decency. Can we hope to see such a day in 'the mother of democracy' too?

Are Indians genetically more predisposed towards coronary diseases? Studies say it could be a mix of nature and nurture. We need focused research for clarity

ENIGMA OF THE SOUTH ASIAN HEART

K SRINATH REDDY

Author of *Pulse to Planet*. Distinguished Professor of Public Health, PHFI

SOURAV ROY

WHY are South Asians more susceptible to heart attacks? A study by researchers from University of Toronto, published on February 12, 2023 in the *American Journal of Cardiology*, throws up yet another interesting observation on this question. Comparing 60 South Asian and 60 white European-origin adults, they observed differences in blood cells of the two groups. South Asians had less progenitor stem cells and monocytes than the white patients. Further, the monocytes were of a kind which caused inflammation rather than the kind which helped to heal injured blood vessel walls. The authors suggest that greater propensity for blood vessel injury, with diminished ability to heal lesions, may be responsible for South Asians exhibiting a higher risk of heart attacks.

Reports of persons with South Asian ethnicity manifesting early onset and extensive coronary artery disease first emerged in migrant Indians. In the 1950s, reports came from Uganda and Malaya of higher levels of coronary artery pathology in autopsied persons of Indian origin compared to other ethnic groups. Over the next 20 years, reports of higher and earlier heart attack rates among South Asians came from the UK, Singapore, Mauritius, US, Canada, Fiji and other countries with large numbers of migrants. This was in comparison with white Caucasians, Chinese, Malays, Africans and Hispanics.

Explanations emerged through studies which observed that South Asian migrants had higher rates of diabetes and pre-diabetes, insulin resistance in skeletal muscle and liver, higher levels of body fat, less lean muscle mass and more belly fat around the abdominal organs (visceral adiposity). Blood chemistry typically showed low levels of HDL cholesterol, high levels of triglycerides and elevated lipoprotein 'a' (Lp 'a'). Within the LDL fraction of blood cholesterol, the highly atherogenic 'small dense LDL' subfraction was more prominent than the less damaging 'big buoyant LDL' sub-fraction.

Are all of these high-risk indices genetically determined? The coupling of excess coronary risk and high prevalence of diabetes and pre-diabetes raised genetic predisposition as a popular hypothesis. The fact that these features were seen across different climes and times of migration, from first generation to third generation migrants, reinforced this hypothesis. However, strongly predictive genetic markers could not be identified. Even a cluster of candidate genes could not account for more than 10 percent of variance. Higher risk of visceral adiposity, insulin resistance and diabetes is also associated with poor intra-uterine and early childhood undernutrition of a child. This is known to have an epigenetic imprint on gene expression that predisposes to diabetes and coronary heart disease in adult life. While enabling an undernourished baby to conserve limited nutrients available for glucose-dependant brain growth, lean muscle mass is reduced (as muscles burn up glucose). This is essential for initial survival but can pre-dispose to a metabolic mismatch when the child later accesses more food. While this is a demonstrated risk pathway, it's contribution to higher coronary risk in different Indian population sub-groups is not clear.

The migrant experience stoked interest in within-India studies. Population surveys conducted in early 1990s showed higher prevalence of coronary heart disease and risk factors in urban Delhi and urban Vellore, compared to rural Haryana and rural Vellore. Visceral adiposity, low HDL and high triglyceride levels were noted as risk markers in both urban and rural populations, but were more marked in the urban samples. Later, studies comparing Indians residing in India with similar Indian migrants in other countries—especially Punjabis and Gujaratis in the UK—revealed a rising rural-urban migrant gradient of coronary risk factors. This suggested that urban acculturation and altered living habits, driven by rising incomes, were propellants of coronary risk. This was reinforced by rural-urban migrant studies in India. Factory workers in three Indian cities were compared to their rural siblings, who stayed on in the villages. Within five years of migration to cities for employment, the urban workers had higher levels of many coronary risk factors compared to their non-migrant rural siblings. This suggested that changing diet, physical activity and stress patterns associated with urban migration had a marked influence on coronary risk, even when the genetic background was similar.

Interestingly, recent studies in the US suggest that the nature of migrants also influences the acculturation pattern and behavioural risks. While the migrants from India to other countries in the last century comprised a varying mix of semiskilled workers and professionals, recent Indian migrants to the US have mostly been highly qualified professionals. Migration to the US in the 20th century occurred in a social milieu when most Americans were consuming unhealthy diets and had coronary-prone lifestyles. However, recent migrants are adopting healthier living habits which are now more popular with richer and more educated Americans: better diets, more physical activity, less smoking and stress-coping practices of yoga and meditation. The interplay of any genetic influence with a healthy lifestyle will manifest in this group.

In India, too, we see different types of gene-environment interactions based on disparities in income and education, varied patterns of diet, physical activity and exposure to air pollution. However, efforts to reduce coronary risk must proceed on the understanding that a predisposition (whether polygenic or epigenetic) does seem to provide the background against which modifiable factors (diet, physical activity, smoking, stress, sleep, air pollution) operate to manifest amplified or attenuated risk. Physical activity, for example, significantly reduces insulin resistance in the skeletal muscle and a healthy diet modifies most of the biochemical risk factors.

The recent Canadian study suggests that South Asians not only have higher incidence of diabetes but also have a lower ability to heal blood vessel injury, whether caused by diabetes or other risk factors. Since 90 percent of South Asians and 60 percent of Caucasians in the study had diabetes, it is not clear how much the blood cell abnormalities are related to diabetes or to an earlier predisposition that leads to coronary artery disease irrespective of diabetes.

A comparative study of South Asians and Caucasians without diabetes will help to reveal to what extent the progenitor and monocyte cell abnormalities are genetically predetermined or are modifiable through healthy living habits. Till then, we may recall Mark Twain's comment: "There is something fascinating about science. A trifling investment of fact can generate vast returns of conjecture." *(Views are personal)*

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HOW TIBETANS & ANDEANS CAN FLOURISH IN THIN AIR

PRATIK KANJILAL

For years, the author has been speaking easy to a surprisingly tolerant public

SPEAK EASY

IN an interesting case of convergent evolution, people living at altitudes over 4,000 metres in the Andes have been found to have independently developed almost the same genetic response to mountain sickness as the Tibetans. The two genetic groups are divided by history and geography. Their gene mutations differ slightly and occurred 20,000 years and 18,000 km apart, but their effect is identical: they permit humans to flourish on thin air, reports a new paper led by Elijah S Lawrence in *Science Advances*, the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Interest in convergent evolution which adapts to hostile habitats is more than academic, as the human race braces for climate change.

The adaptations in Tibetans and Andeans involve changes in the EPAS1 gene, which is well-researched as a site of responses triggered by hypoxia, the main cause of mountain sickness. The responses include the production of more red blood corpuscles and changes to blood vessels, to deliver far better perfusion and oxygenation than in other humans. Increased efficiencies in the transport and metabolism of oxygen allow the owners of these mutations to function well in high-altitude atmospheres in which other people suffer pulmonary and cardiovascular distress. In Tibetans, the effects are epigenetic (working through pathways outside the genome) and do not seem to involve the coding sections of the EPAS1 gene that determine which amino acids are expressed during protein synthesis. For Andeans, the genetic changes are in a coding region of the gene they're baked right into the genetic code.

Are the two populations, in the Himalayas and in the Andes, as unrelated as geography suggests? The Tibetans are understood to have derived their versions of the gene from the Denisovans, the hominins discovered in a cave in the Altai mountains in Siberia. There is uncertainty because only fragmentary material evidence of the group has been found, much less than for Neanderthals. But it is not impossible to conceive that while some of the Denisovan population may have moved southwards from Siberia to leave genetic traces in India, others may have moved east across the now-submerged Beringia into the Americas.

The discovery that an EPAS1 variant in the Andes addresses hypoxia is both theoretically and practically important. Theoretically, because science creates its taxonomies by a process of comparing and contrasting, and opportunities are restricted among humans, who can only be compared with other humans. The human sciences are likely to celebrate the hardest when space aliens finally contact us. The more different they are, the more opportunities they would provide to compare and contrast humans with. If aliens turn out to be very human, it would be a great relief for politicians and diplomats eager for a firm handshake, but a terrible let-down for scientists. In the absence of space aliens, students of humanity and its products, like culture and technology, have been restricted to comparing human variants. Race is of two kinds. The kind discussed in opinion pages is a cultural and political construct based on ideas of intrinsic superiority and inferiority. It is imaginary and disgusting. But the other form of race is biological and very real. Evolution has separated groups of people divided by history and geography into biological races with distinct responses to their environment. For instance, nut allergies are common in North America but very rare in South Asia. Cancer doesn't afflict people from all racial groups the same way, and responses to treatment also differ. For instance, Ewing's sarcoma is typically a cancer of white boys, and rarely attacks coloured girls. Until the early 2000s, the medical and scientific literature dismissed race as "biologically meaningless", but over time, it has come to be seen as a useful guide.

AFP

Despite living 18,000 km apart, Tibetans and Andeans have gone through a similar gene mutation that allows them to avoid altitude sickness. As humans brace for climate change, convergent evolution which adapts to hostile habitats becomes important

The discovery that two distinct races on separate continents have adapted to high altitudes at the same genetic site is significant. The only other instance of such an EPAS1 response is in the coelacanth, a type of lobe-finned fish. The 'living fossil'—and a favourite expletive of Captain Haddock—from the early Devonian period was only etched in stone from its discovery in 1893 until 1938 when a live specimen was discovered in a fisherman's catch in the Indian Ocean by the self-taught South African naturalist Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer. It is surmised that in the 400 million-year lifespan of the species, it had responded to an event which lowered oxygen concentrations in seawater.

Now that it is known that the EPAS1 gene is the device of choice for adapting to hypoxia, it must be of interest in an overcrowded planet. The peopling of the seas has been and will probably remain the stuff of science fiction because home economics is too expensive. In comparison, highlands freed of permanent ice look more inviting. The glaciers of the Third Pole are melting at an alarming rate and Pakistan has suffered unprecedented flooding as a consequence. More disastrous climate and geological effects are bound to follow, but the process could also make highlands habitable for humans who can breathe thin air. And as governments and corporations develop a taste for manned space missions again in which the volume of oxygen to be carried or generated is a limiting factor, people who flourish at high altitudes could be in demand.

There's a political irony here. Close to 90 percent of Tibetans have a variant of EPAS1, while only 9 percent of Han Chinese in the region do. If China were to plan a Mars base, the minority Tibetans would have a genetic edge in recruitment. *(@pratik_k)*

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Bond verdict

Ref: *Landmark verdict levels playing field for electoral funds* (Feb 16). Accountability and transparency are hallmarks of a good democracy. The Supreme Court's decision to scrap the electoral bond scheme is welcome. The court's directives to halt bond issuance and disclose details of donations will go a long way towards restoring trust in our electoral process.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

Democratic choice

The introduction of electoral bonds in 2018 disturbed the political playing field as the scheme favoured the ruling party. An amendment to the Companies Act removed the cap that barred companies from donating more than 7.5 percent of their profits to a political party. These moves added to corruption.

D V G Sankara Rao, Vizianagaram

Double standards

The BJP-led government introduced demonetisation in 2016 causing much hardship to common people in the name of checking black money. A year later, it introduced anonymous electoral bonds, thereby helping convert black money into white.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Research funding

Ref: *Meagre funds, red tape hobble Indian science* (Feb 16). The column highlighted the challenges faced by science researchers in India. Promoting quality research should be a top priority for the government. In this regard, the government must increase funding, cut the red tape that delays the disbursement of funds, and reduce the influence of private players.

P Prema, Thanjavur

Broken dreams

Many brilliant researchers have left India unwillingly to pursue their work abroad. The reduction in public funding of research, delay in disbursing grants, and difficulty in procuring lab apparatus have indeed made research very challenging. If corrective measures are not taken, our youngsters may choose to abandon their research dreams.

Ravi Nair, Kollengode

Foes, allies

Ref: *Making space for strange bedfellows* (Feb 16). As part of its efforts to dent opposition unity, the BJP appears to be going about stitching alliances with parties whose ideologies are at odds with its own. Though this might bring short-term gains, in the long run it could prove counterproductive.

R Sriramprasad, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Dilip Ghosh @DilipGhosh
Women voted for Mamata Banerjee as a woman, people of Basirhat voted for TMC MP. But when women here are in danger, voicing their anger, they are not getting the CM or their actor MP.

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Modi govt is rejecting a recommendation explicitly made by then-CM Narendra Modi to implement the Swaminathan Commission recommendations.

Yogendra Yadav @_YogendraYadav
...Rubber bullets and sticks are being fired on the farmer brothers, while the ruling party is covering their mouths without any accountability.

Kaladan safe, says Arakan Army

Says fighting to defeat military junta, after which each ethnic region will decide its own govt

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE Arakan Army is fighting intending to uproot the military dictatorship in Myanmar. In the post-military dictatorship period, each region with its respective ethnicity will decide as how to build its future state, said a spokesperson for the United League of Arakan (ULA) or Arakan Army in the first-ever interview given to any Indian publication.

The ULA spokesperson also said that the future of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMMTTP) was safe and that it would not come under any harm.

"Now, it is totally safe for KMMTTP to accomplish the completion at the earliest after we (ULA/AA) re-captured Kaladan and Laymro river deltas. We have no problem with India and are ready to cooperate for mutual benefits," said the spokesperson on conditions of anonymity.

The KMMTP is one of India's most ambitious projects that would link India and Myanmar via the Bay of Bengal. The 109 km road (between Paletwa in Myanmar to Zorinpui in Mizoram) is soon due to complete. The $484 million project was initially expected to be completed in 2014, and the last deadline was December 2023 but the political instability in Myanmar has been a roadblock.

The Arakan Army is an ethnic armed organisation based in Myanmar's Rakhine state. It is an armed military wing of the ULA founded in April 2009. At present it is the most powerful ethnic group in Myanmar – out of the seven major ethnic groups that are at loggerheads with the military junta.

EXPRESS EXCLUSIVE

"It is time for our neighbours (including India) to revise their Myanmar military-centered thinking policy and should state to engage with new partners/stakeholders. We want to have better relations with them and work together for mutual interest," the spokesperson said.

He refrained from commenting on which countries were supplying them with arms. Nor did he comment on whether they had any contact with the Indian government.

It is difficult to give a timeframe as to when peace would return to Myanmar. The unrest began when the military junta took over in 2021.

"Our main objective is to eliminate the military dictatorship. For us, Arakanese, we want to decide for ourselves and build with our own hands the future we envision together," he added.

The people of Myanmar want a genuine federal union with equal rights. Ethnic groups like the AA want peace to return but aren't sure on how things would unfold post-military dictatorship.

"What is certain is that the present nationwide operation is being conducted with the aim of changing the country's political dynamics. We, therefore, strongly believe that there will be many changes for the better in this country after the civil war," he added.

When will peace return to Myanmar?

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DAC nod to procure hi-tech weaponry worth ₹84K crore

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a major step to boost the capabilities of the Armed Forces and Indian Coast Guard (ICG), the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) on Friday cleared capital acquisition proposals worth ₹84,560 crore.

The proposals include new-generation anti-tank mines, air defence tactical control radar, heavy-weight torpedoes, medium-range maritime reconnaissance and multi-mission maritime aircraft, flight refueller aircraft and software-defined radios.

The DAC was chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The approvals accorded lay special emphasis on the procurement of various equipment from Indian vendors.

In the series of approvals, the DAC has accorded 'Acceptance of Necessity' under the Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured (IDDM) category for procurement of new generation anti-tank mines with seismic sensor and provision of remote deactivation with additional safety features.

"In order to enhance the operational efficiency and domination in the tactical battle area for engaging targets that are beyond visual line of sight by the mechanised forces, the Acceptance of Necessity under Buy (Indian-IDDM) category has been accorded for procurement of canister-launched anti-armour loiter munition system, the defence ministry said.

To strengthen the air defence systems, especially the capabilities to detect slow, small and low-flying targets as well as surveillance, detection and tracking of different targets, air defence tactical control radar will be procured.

The other important procurement include medium range maritime reconnaissance, active towed array sonar and heavy weight torpedos for the Kalvari-class submarines.

The procurement of medium range maritime reconnaissance and multi-mission maritime aircraft, through 'Buy and Make' category, will strengthen the surveillance and interdiction capabilities of the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard.

WHAT ARMED FORCES ARE LOOKING FOR

HEAVYWEIGHT TORPEDO
Varunastra is an advanced state-of-the-art, ship-launched heavyweight, anti-submarine torpedo against subs operating in shallow/deep waters

AIR DEFENCE TACTICAL CONTROL RADAR
For surveillance of aerial targets and transmission of data to command posts

FLIGHT REFUELLER AIRCRAFT
A pivotal asset to dramatically amplify IAF's capacities. It will offset aging fleet of Ilyushin-78 tankers

NEW-GEN ANTI-TANK MINES
Effective against the whole bottom surface of an armoured fighting vehicle. India has self-neutralising Vaibhav, a point-attack anti-tank munition

Register marriages of NRIs with locals in India itself, suggests Law panel

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

EXPRESSING concern over the alarming rise in deceptive marriages between Non-Resident Indians (NRI) and Indian citizens, the Law Commission of India on Friday recommended that all marriages must be registered in India to prevent fraudulent marriages and abandonment.

In November last year, the Ministry of External Affairs asked the Law Commission to examine the issues plaguing NRI marriages and strengthen the legal framework concerning international public law and private laws. The report 'Law or matrimonial issues relating to NRIs and Overseas Citizens of India' was submitted to the Union Law Ministry on Thursday.

"Several reports highlight an increasing pattern where these marriages turn out to be deceptive, putting Indian spouses, especially women, in precarious situations. It is recommended that all marriages between NRIs/OCIs and Indian citizens should be compulsorily registered in India," it said.

The report also recommended that the legislation should include provisions on divorce, maintenance of spouse, custody and maintenance of children, and serving of summons, warrants or judicial documents on NRIs and OCIs. It also recommended that requisite amendments be introduced in the Passports Act, 1967, to mandate declaration of marital status, linking of a spouse's passport with the other, and mentioning of marriage registration number on passports.

Measures suggested

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- Domestic courts shall have the jurisdiction to address and resolve the issues in such marriages

Those who called Ram imaginary are now chanting Jai Siya Ram: PM

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Congress, which doubted the existence of Lord Ram and strongly opposed the construction of Ram temple, is now chanting 'Jai Siya Ram', Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Friday.

Prime Minister Modi was addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Rewari. Taking a dig at the Congress, the PM said, "The country wished that a grand Ram temple should be built in Ayodhya. Today, the country sees Ram Lalla sitting in the grand Ram temple. The Congress people, who used to think Lord Ram was imaginary and who never wanted Ram temple to be built, have also started chanting Jai Siya Ram."

Modi said that as prime ministerial candidate, he had given some guarantees. "The country wanted a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya, and it has been fulfilled," he said.

Reiterating his slogan of "Abki baar NDA sarkar 400 paar" just months ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Modi said the people are now saying that since he has come to Rewari again, the BJP-led NDA will win over 400 seats this time.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks after inauguration of various development projects in Rewari district of Haryana on Friday | PTI

He added that his first event after the BJP declared him as its prime ministerial candidate in the run-up to the 2014 general elections was in Rewari in September 2013.

Making an emotional connection, he said that seats are essential in a democracy, but for him, people's blessings are the most significant asset.

He urged the youth, particularly the first-time voters, to continue to bless the "double-engine" government.

Targeting the grand old party, Modi said the Congress had created obstacles in the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Highlighting India's remarkable progress on the global stage, Modi said his vision for India is to ascend to the ranks of the world's third-largest economic power in the next term.

About his recent visit to the UAE and Qatar, he said the respect India now gets from the world is not for Modi alone but for every Indian.

Priyanka admitted to hosp, sends best wishes to Rahul's 'Nyay' yatra in UP

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER covering Bihar, the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday entered Uttar Pradesh, through eastern UP district of Chandauli.

Chandauli is adjacent to Varanasi, which is the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Leading the yatra in a red open jeep, Gandhi was welcomed by UPCC chief Ajay Rai and other senior leaders of the party.

Gandhi, in his address at National Inter College in Saiyad Raja town, launched a scathing attack on the PM over the Pran Pratishtha of Ram Lalla idol held in Ayodhya last month. He said red carpet was rolled out for billionaires, but "in that function you would not have seen the Adivasi President, farmers, labourers and the poor.

Alleging that at present the country was fraught with hatred and violence, he said it is the battle of two contrary ideologies — one (of the BJP) which pertained to dividing the society and siphoning off peoples' money to give it to a few chosen billionaires of the country, and the other (of Congress) which opens "the shop of love and affection in the market of hatred."

Highlighting how on peoples' demand, he had embarked on a second yatra called 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' from Manipur to Maharashtra, Gandhi said the word 'Nyay' in his yatra this time is a promise of justice to the sections including farmers, youth and the poor, who were facing injustice in the form of socio-economic disparities.

Meanwhile, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who was scheduled to join the yatra in UP, said she could not as she was admitted to hospital due to an illness. Sending out best wishes to her brother, she hoped to join them as soon as she gets better.

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NCP vs NCP: Sharad Pawar faction seeks urgent hearing of plea against EC order

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

SHARAD Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction on Friday urged the Supreme Court to urgently hear its plea challenging the Election Commission of India's (ECI) ruling acknowledging the Ajit Pawar faction as the real NCP.

Appearing for the Sharad Pawar faction, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi mentioned the matter before the court for urgent listing in the case. He said because of the poll panel order, the senior Pawar will likely face the whip of Ajit Pawar in the Maharashtra Assembly session set to get underway on February 20.

"This is a matter of extreme urgency. Because of the Election Commission order, Sharad Pawar will be subject to the whip of Ajit Pawar. Session in Maharashtra starts next week. We have not been given any symbol at all," Singhvi said, pleading to seek listing of the case on February 19.

A three-judge bench led by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said it would look into the urgent listing of the case.

It, however, did not fix any date to hear the matter.

Sharad Pawar-led faction on Monday had knocked the doors of the Supreme Court challenging the decision of the ECI to recognise Ajit Pawar faction as the NCP.

The Sharad Pawar faction has challenged the handing over of the clock symbol to Ajit Pawar team, along with other prayers.

In earlier developments in the case, a victorious Ajit Pawar faction had already filed a caveat on February 7 in the top court, anticipating that its losing opponent, his uncle Sharad Pawar's side, might appeal against the EC order giving the former control over the name and symbol of the party.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Triple Talaq law: SC takes in fresh plea

The Supreme Court on Friday ordered clubbing a fresh plea challenging the validity of certain provisions of the 2019 law, which make the practice of instant divorce through Triple Talaq a punishable offence, with those already pending with the court. Violation of the law entails imprisonment up to three years.

'Add women officer on panel for inmates'

The top court on Friday said that a woman judicial officer should be a part of the existing committee to ensure the safety of women prisoners in each district of a state. The two-judge bench comprising Justices Hima Kohli and A Amanullah passed the order after considering a report submitted by amicus curiae Gaurav Agarwal.

CBI deports life convict from UAE with help from Interpol

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday said it has brought back an absconding life convict — Narender Singh, against whom there was a Red Corner Notice — from the UAE in an operation coordinated by the agency using Interpol channels.

Narender Singh was wanted by the Haryana Police in a murder case registered on December 26, 1994, at Tohana police station and was subsequently convicted for life imprisonment on October 24, 2009.

The state police had approached the CBI seeking an Interpol Red Corner Notice against him suspecting that he had gone missing.

A Red Corner Notice is issued on request of law enforcement agencies worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest fugitives wanted for prosecution or to serve a sentence in relation to serious crimes such as murder, rape or fraud.

Safety first: FSSAI imparts training to food handlers of govt canteens

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has started training food handlers at the Bhawans of all states and Union Territories, and government office canteens in the national capital.

So far, they have trained food handlers in Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Sikkim Bhawans. The next training is planned for Bhawans of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Manipur.

There are Bhawans of 34 states and UTs in the capital. According to FSSAI officials, they plan to cover all of these.

The exercise to train food handlers has been undertaken as part of FSSAI's endeavour to enhance the food safety ecosystem nationwide through its flagship programme of Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC), designed to impart training to food handlers involved in the food business.

In the four-hour-long training session, the food handlers were taught food safety rules and regulations, keeping personal hygiene, allergen management, food operation and control, documentation and records, labelling, training methodologies and emerging trends in the food industry.

FSSAI has also imparted training to food handlers at the Department of Personnel and Training, North Block. "These training programmes are aimed at enhancing food safety standards across state/UT Bhawans and canteens of government offices," a statement said, adding, "It will be a significant step towards fostering a safer and healthier food environment for citizens of India."

The initiative is in line with the announcement of training of 25 lakh food business operators by FSSAI in the next three years, a promise made by Union Minister Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on World Food Safety Day last year.

The objective is to instill a culture of continuous learning and improvement within the food sector. Participants who complete the training will be conferred with the Food Safety Supervisor certificate, recognised across India. In 2023-24, 3,58,224 staff were trained under the FoSTaC programme.

Setting standards

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IMPRISONMENT

A court in Deoria in UP on Friday sentenced 40 people to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment for looting a house and a shop in 1995. Sessions judge Indira Singh also imposed a fine of ₹1,000 on each of the convicts

8 HELD BY THANE COP FOR TRAFFICKING MEPHEDRONE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	19	Mumbai	33	24
Bhopal	28	16	Panaji	34	24
Jaipur	27	14	Patna	26	14
Amritsar	25	12	Lucknow	24	11
Chennai	30	24	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	28	18	Imphal	24	09
Srinagar	12	06	Chandigarh	24	13

Hemant's brother inducted into Champai's cabinet

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

FINALLY, **Basant Soren**, younger brother of jailed former Chief Minister Hemant Soren, gets a cabinet berth as Chief Minister Champai Soren expanded his cabinet on Friday.

CP Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office and secrecy to a total of eight ministers which includes Mithilesh Thakur, Hafizul Hassan, Baby Devi, Basant Soren and Deepak Birua from JMM quota and Banna Gupta, Dr Rameshwar Oraon and Badal from Congress quota.

Chief Minister Champai Soren (JMM) had taken oath with two ministers Alamgir Alam of Congress party and the lone RJD MLA Satyanand Bhokta in his Cabinet on February 2, where a maximum of 12 ministers including the Chief Minister could be accommodated.

Out of the eight ministers, who took oath on Friday there are two new faces — Basant Soren and Deepak Birua, while former minister Joba Manjhi has been dropped by the JMM.

Interestingly, Latehar legislator Baidyanath Ram, who was also supposed to take oath on Friday, could not make it to the cabinet at the last minute due to the protests from the Congress MLAs. Ram was on serial number 2 in the list of candidates sent to Raj Bhawan who were take oath on Friday.

Denied cabinet berth at the last minute, Ram said that he will take some step in a day or two. Ram said the JMM decision had not sent a good message, particularly to the SC community, by not allowing him to take oath. "I have taken this humiliation seriously and will take some step in a day or two. Congress, however, trifled JMM's plan to induct a member of SC community amidst anger from the Congress hopefuls.

Oppn barred from entering TMC turf

Cong's Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, BJP team stopped from entering strife-torn Sandeshkhali

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

TURNING strife-hit Sandeshkhali into a no-entry zone for the opposition parties, police on Friday prevented BJP's fact-finding team from Delhi and Bengal Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury from entering the area and interacting with the women who accused the Trinamool Congress satraps of sexual abuse.

In retaliation, both the members of the fact-finding team and Chowdhury, along with Congress supporters, staged separate sit-ins at the spot where they were intercepted.

Slamming Mamata, the state Congress chief who is known as the TMC supremo's strong critic, termed the Bengal chief minister a "Bengali queen of cruelty".

"She (Mamata) is playing with fire by dividing the people of Sandeshkhali on the line of religion. She is the Bengali queen of cruelty. Why are opposition parties being prevented from entering Sandeshkhali? What is the state government trying to hide? Why are they trying to politicise it?" asked Chowdhury.

Referring to Mamata's statement in the Assembly mentioning RSS's base in Sandeshkhali, Chowdhury said, "She should have known it before."

Minister Annapurna Devi with others visits BJP chief Sukanta Majumdar | PTI

A six-member BJP delegation, a fact-finding team of the saffron camp led by Union ministers Pratima Bhoumik and Annapurna Devi, was stopped by the police at Rampur in South 24 Parganas. Three-layer bamboo barricades were put up on the thoroughfare leading to Sandeshkhali to ensure no one could enter the trouble-hit area. The team told police that four would visit Sandeshkhali to comply with the prohibitory order clamped under Section 144 of CrPC, but the police turned down the plea.

Staging a sit-in-demonstration in protest against the interception by the police, Annapurna Devi said, "Police stopped the BJP's central team. We said we would comply with the prohibitory order, but the police refused to allow us. The lawkeepers are acting at the behest of the ruling TMC."

The team returned to Kolkata, met Governor C V Ananda Bose, and told him they would move the court to seek permission to go to unrest-hit Sandeshkhali.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition and BJP MLA Suvendu Adhikari also moved Calcutta High Court seeking a direction from the state government to allow him to visit the women in Sandeshkhali. Adhikari was also prevented from going to Sandeshkhali for the second time on Thursday.

In connection with the unrest in Sandeshkhali, the Supreme Court on Friday received a PIL filed by advocate Alakh Alok Srivastava, demanding a special investigation by the CBI or a Special Investigation Team (SIT). Sandeshkhali has been on the boil ever since three officers of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) were bashed up and left bleeding when they went to search the house of local TMC leader Shahjahan Sheikh in a foodgrain scam case on January 5.

SC agress to early hearing plea on Prez rule

NCSC chief Arun Halder on Friday said commission has recommended the imposition of President's rule in West Bengal in its report submitted to President Droupadi Murmu on alleged harassment of women by TMC supporters in Sandeshkhali. The SC on Friday plans to hear the PIL, seeking a court-monitored CBI or SIT probe, along with compensations for the victims into the alleged violence.

CHANDIGARH DIARY

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Farmers find ways to counter drone attack

With Haryana Police using drones to drop tear gas shells at the Shambhu border, the farmers protesting against the Centre over farm-related issues devised a unique way to counter the shelling. Several agitators were seen flying kites to misguide the path of the drones. They also tried to tangle the rotors of drones with the kite strings. According to several protestors, it was kite flying that forced the Haryana Police to drop the idea of using drones. For the dropped shells emitting smoke, the farmers found the way by throwing wet gunny bags on the shells and using fans to direct smoke towards opposite side.

RS polls: HP BJP fields Cong turncoat

The BJP had surprised many in Himachal Pradesh by fielding former Congress minister Harsh Mahajan as its candidate for the upcoming biennial Rajya Sabha elections. In the 68-member state assembly, the BJP has 25 MLAs while 40 are from the Congress. By fielding Mahajan—who had switched over to the BJP just before the 2022 Assembly election— sources said, the saffron party wants to make the contest interesting as it hopes to get the votes of several Congress MLAs. On the other hand, the Congress has fielded Supreme Court lawyer Manu Abhishek Singhvi as its candidate.

Doorstep delivery plan: Kejriwal credits God

AAP national convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal seems to have given the credit of launching the doorstep delivery of free ration in Punjab to God. "One night, God came in my dreams. He told me, Arvind, don't worry, one day, it (doorstep delivery) will be implemented. And now, we have done it in Punjab. Now that our party won the assembly election with a massive margin and made the dream come true," Kejriwal told a gathering at Khanna. When asked about the scheme not being launched in the national capital Delhi, he then accused the NDA-led central government of "creating hurdles" in its implementation.

Buzz over Nath or his son joining BJP after Feb 22

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

SIX days before Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra enters Madhya Pradesh, political circles in the state are once again abuzz with the possibility of Congress veteran Kamal Nath or his first-time Chhindwara MP son Nakul Nath joining the BJP.

The fresh buzz about either Nath or his MP son joining BJP possibly before Rahul's Yatra enters MP from Datia district on February 22, has been triggered by Nath neither being named as candidate for RS polls nor being consulted by the Congress's top-brass before naming wealthy Gwalior-Chambal politician Ashok Singh as the party's candidate for the February 27 biennial polls from MP.

Amid the growing speculations, former Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan said in Indore on Thursday, "If Kamal Nath truly believes in development, then he should take Lord Ram's name and join the BJP."

Just a day later, the state BJP chief VD Sharma spoke on the same issue, saying, "All Congress leaders who are in pain over not attending the consecration ceremony in Ayodhya should be welcome to the BJP." Nath, meanwhile, didn't deny or confirm reports about the possibility of joining the BJP.

DRIVING IN TANDEM

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav drives a jeep carrying Rahul Gandhi during the 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' in Sasaram, Bihar, on Friday | PTI

DOORS ALWAYS OPEN FOR NITISH, SAYS LALU

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

NEARLY three weeks after chief minister Nitish Kumar formed a new government with BJP after snapping ties with his party and its allies, RJD chief Lalu Prasad on Friday indirectly extended invitation to Nitish to return to the grand alliance by saying doors were always opened for him.

"Ab aayenge toh dekhenge (We will consider if Nitish wishes to work with us again," Lalu tersely remarked while talking to media persons.

"Doors are always open for Nitish," he quipped, leaving scope for speculations.

Lalu's remarks came days after Nitish won the trust vote in Bihar assembly after 129 MLAs voted in favour of Nitish, who is heading the newly formed National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in the state.

"Nitish and Lalu are old-time political companions and rivals as both leaders had also participated in the 1974-75 JP movement. So, there is definitely a bond between them but it is wrong to attach any political meaning to Lalu's statement," commented a JD (U) leader.

On Thursday, both Nitish and Lalu had shaken hands warmly on the assembly premises as Lalu's son and former deputy chief minister Tejashwi also looked on. Lalu had gone to the assembly to remain present at the time of filling of nominations by RJD candidates Manoj Jha and Sanjay Yadav. Meanwhile, JD (U) chief spokesperson Neeraj Kumar said that there was no question of Nitish once again returning to the grand alliance and working with RJD.

EXALOGIC CASE

K'taka HC dismisses appeal challenging SFIO probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a major setback to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter Veena T, the Karnataka High Court on Friday dismissed the petition filed by her questioning the order passed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to conduct an investigation by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) into the affairs of the Exalogic Solutions Private Limited (ESPL).

The probe was ordered on January 31 for non-disclosure of a transaction of Rs 1.76 crore paid by the Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited (CMRL) to the ESPL, owned by Veena, for purported software service rendered by it.

Justice M Nagaprasanna pronounced the order dismissing the petition filed by Veena. When the counsel of the petitioner requested to provide the order copy, the judge said that the copy of the order would be webhosted on Saturday. The order was reserved after the conclusion of the arguments of both parties on February 12.

After Farooq rejoinder, INDIA allies say ready to give 2 Valley seats to NC

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER the hardtalk of Abdullahs, the INDIA bloc says the alliance parties are ready to give two of the three seats won by National Conference in last Lok Sabha polls but opine that a workable solution has to be found for the Anantnag-Rajouri seat, which has witnessed change in geography and constituencies after the delimitation exercise, besides two other parliamentary seats in Jammu being held by BJP.

A senior Congress leader said parleys are going on between the INDIA alliance parties in J&K including NC, PDP and Congress on seat sharing arrangement for the five LS seats in J&K.

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>
> Congress leader

The NC, he said, is very much part of the INDIA alliance as was asserted by former J&K Chief Minister and NC vice president Omar Abdullah yesterday.

The NC president Farooq Abdullah yesterday said the party would go it alone in the LS while his son Omar Abdullah a few hours later said they are very much part of the INDIA Alliance. Omar said the three LS seats won by NC in 2019 are INDIA alliance seats and therefore the seats that are to be discussed for seat sharing pact are the two seats held by BJP.

In the 2019 LS polls, NC won three seats from Valley and BJP two seats from Jammu region.

The Congress leader said in principle, NC could have retained all three seats from Valley but there has been a change of geography and constituencies in Anantnag-Rajouri seat after delimitation exercise.

The Assembly constituencies of Pulwama and Shopian districts were taken out and seats from twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri included in the erstwhile Anantnag-Pulwama seat now renamed as Anantnag-Rajouri seat. "With the change in geography and Assembly constituencies of the Anantnag-Rajouri seat, it is now a new seat and Congress has more support base in Poonch and Rajouri than NC and PDP. NC has a workable solution to keep the BJP at bay," the Congress leader said.

PM to open mega biz summit in UP on Feb 19

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE preparations for fourth edition of Ground Breaking Ceremony (GBC@IV) of Yogi government, scheduled from February 19-21, are now in final leg. The mega event, being organised just ahead of Lok Sabha elections, will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the presence of prominent industry captains witness here on Monday.

With an aim to bring the investments proposals worth over Rs 10 lakh crore to ground, the GBC@IV is expected to have 3,500 investors present in the ceremony. Moreover, besides the main event in Lucknow, GBC will be organised in 74 districts simultaneously across the state on the same day.

As per the official sources, through GBC, a total of 14,537 projects related to various sectors worth ₹10.1583 lakh crore are ready for implementation in the state. The projects set to come to the ground included 300 worth ₹500 crore, 895 with an investment ranging from ₹100 to 500 crore, 4,577 initiatives with investments ranging from ₹10 to 100 crores, and the majority being 8,735 projects with an investment of ₹1 to 10 crore.

The implementation of all those projects was expected to create over 34 lakh jobs, said the state government official adding that GBC@IV was poised not only to give a push to industrial growth across the state but also to infuse fresh momentum into industrial development in every district.

The state government had organized UP Global Investors' Summit -2023 in February last year bagging the investment proposals worth approximately Rs 40 lakh crore.

Taking to microblogging site X, UP M Yogi Adityanath said: "The new Uttar Pradesh by becoming an 'Udyam Pradesh', is continuously giving impetus to nation's development as its growth engine. The state, which implemented investment proposals worth Rs 60,000 crore in its first groundbreaking ceremony in 2018, is fully prepared after 6 years for the groundbreaking of investment proposals worth more than Rs 10 lakh crore in GBC@IV. This transformation, this change, this speed is the identity of your 'New Uttar Pradesh'".

As part of the ceremony, a grand exhibition will be held to showcase the developments in more than nine special sectors and the changing picture of UP. Besides, sectoral sessions will be held with key focus on areas like artificial intelligence (AI), foreign direct investment (FDI), and corporate social responsibility (CSR).

The state government will organise two seminars -- Corporate Social Responsibility and FDI and Artificial Intelligence (AI): Unlocking Opportunities in Uttar Pradesh -- on February 20. The Uttar Pradesh government will also host a three-day exhibition reflecting the essence of the 'new Uttar Pradesh'.

FLURRY OF INVESTMENTS

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MOST INVESTMENTS ARE COMING UP IN SUNRISE SECTORS

MANUFACTURING **(21%)** RENEWABLE ENERGY **(13%)** IT & ITES **(9%)** FOOD PROCESSING **(6%)** HOUSING & REAL ESTATE **(6%)** HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT **(3%)** EDUCATION **(3%)** ETC.

REGION WISE INVESTMENT PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED

PASHIMANCHAL **(52%)** POORVANCHAL **(29%)** MADHYANCHAL **(14%)** BUNDELKHAND **(5%)**

Food for thought: ₹142 cr spent on ads, events to boost Gujarat tourism in 2 yrs

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat government told the Assembly on Friday that it had spent Rs 142.38 crore in the last two years to promote Gujarat's tourist destinations through advertisement and programmes.

Apart from that, the government has spent ₹46 crore over the last two years on several government-sponsored festivals such as 'Navratri Mahotsav', 'Ranotsav', and 'Patangotsav' (kite festival). While Rs 2.35 crore was spent on lodging, food, and transportation during these celebrations.

Jignesh Mevani, a Congress MLA of Gujarat, questioned the administration in the Assembly about how much money was spent on the Navratri, kite, and Ranotsav festivals in the state during the last two years, and how much of that money was spent on food, lodging, and transportation.

The government responded to this query in writing, stating that in 2022 and 2023, 16.35 crores were spent on the Navratri Festival, 22.39 crores on Ranotsav, and 7.28 crores on the Kite Festival. The government has spent 2.35 crores on hotel, food, and transportation during the last two years.

As per the administration's response in the assembly, Rs 22 crore were spent on 'Ranotsav' in two years, while only Rs 4.98 crore were earned by the government in the same period.

Tushar Chaudhary, Congress MLA from KhedBrahma, questioned the tourism minister about the amount spent on tourism adverts and programmes in the state over the last two years.

In response to this inquiry, the government stated in writing that it spent ₹142.38 crore on tourism ads and programmes during the last two years.

In response to another question from BJP MLA Praveen Mali, the administration confessed that despite developing tourism facilities in Nadabet, Banaskantha district, the number of tourists came down due to Cyclone Biporjoy.

How Gujarat spent on tourism
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my Client Sri. Gurram Venkata Ramesh, is intending to purchase the Vacant Plot/ Site bearing No.115, measuring East to west 60 feet or 18.288 meters and North to South : 40 feet or 12.192 meters, from its owner Smt. Rani, Bangalore.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Vacant **Plot/ Site bearing No.115,** measuring to an extent of 2400 square feet or 222.97 square meters, assigned with **E-Katha No.150200402300101120** and **PID No.1084/809.31/1.31/2.115,** carved out of Converted Survey No.31/1 and 31/2, Katha No.809, situated at Halanayakanhalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to west 60 feet or 18.288 meters and North to South : 40 feet or 12.192 meters, and bounded on **East by:** Site No.110, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.114, **South by:** Site No.116

Kavitha S. & Associates,
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
1006/1, 2nd Floor, Balaji Building,
1st Cross M E S Colony, HAL Airport Exit Road, Bangalore - 560 017
Mobile: 96868 58225

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general Public is hereby informed that our Client **Mr.Terra Eco Blends Pvt Ltd Represented by his Directors Mr. Anil Kumar Agarwal and Mr. Rachit Goel** intends to Purchase the Immovable properties more fully described in the schedule Property hereunder from its **present owner i.e., Mr. N.RADHAKRISHNA** S/o Nanjundappa aged about 56 are R/at Flat No,103A,Ranka Enclave, C.V.Raman Road, Sadashivanagara, Bangalore-560080.

Any Persons, financial institutions having any sort of claim/Rights/interest/ charge on the below said property or any objections for the said sale of the Property may file their objections in writhing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of Publication of this public Notice, failing which, its shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the below said properties our client shall be advised to proceed with the Proposed transaction any claims thereafter shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No-1: All the piece and parcel of immovable converted land bearing survey No.30/1 measuring 2(Two) acres 19 (Nineteen) Guntas. (which is converted from agricultural use to industrial purposes vide Official Memorandum No.ALN (No.Tya)SR.33/2016-17 dated 13-06-2017, and Amended official memorandum dated 21-06-2021, issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru rural District) situated at Beeragondanahalli Village, Thyamagondalu hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangaluru Rural District and Bounded on the:

East by : KIADB 60 Feet Road
West by : Survey No.31
North by : Survey No. 29
South by : 40 Feet Road and Survey No.30/2A Measuring 5.5 Guntas Land

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No-2: All the piece and parcel of immovable converted land bearing Survey No.30/2A Measuring 5.5 guntas (which is converted from use to industrial purposes, vide official Memorandum No.14302 dated 17-09-2019 and amended order dated 20-4-2021, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District situated at Beeragondanahalli Village, Thyamagondalu hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and Bounded on the:

East by : Survey No.30/1 (2 (Two) acres 19 (Nineteen) Guntas Land)
West by : Survey No.31and 32
North by : Survey No.30/1 (2 (Two) acres 19 (Nineteen) Guntas Land)
South by : Road

Sd/- **RAJESH .R,**
RRL Advocates
Advocate and Legal Consultant
No,79/2, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Magadi Main Road, M.C.Layout, Opp:-OM Prabha College, Bangalore. **M: 9845851473**
Date: 16-02-2024

QuoteExpress IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE) NELSON MANDELA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Provident Housing Limited (**PHL**) having its registered office at No. 130/1, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru- 560 042, Karnataka has represented that it has ownership rights over the immovable property (morefully described in the '**Schedule**' hereto and hereinafter referred to as "**Schedule Property**"). PHL has further represented that they have completed the development of the project known as "**Provident Sunworth**" as part of the first phase of development on the Schedule Property and have commenced development of the residential project known as "**Provident Equinox**" as part of the second phase of development which is registered with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Karnataka, under the following names:

(a) Provident Equinox 1 (4N, 4P, 4Q, 4R) [RERA registration No.PRM/KA/RERA/1251/310/PR/190525/002576 and registration extended *vide* extension No. EX/PRM/KA/RERA/1251/310/PR/230125/002576]; and

(b) Provident Equinox 2 [RERA registration No.PRM/KA/RERA/1251/310/PR/190529/002585 and registration extended *vide* extension No.EX/PRM/KA/RERA/1251/310/PR/230425/002585].

Both "Provident Sunworth" and "Provident Equinox" are collectively known as "**Projects**".Our client is desirous of investing in the Projects being developed by PHL on the Schedule Property and accordingly, we are conducting a title due diligence on the right, title and interest of PHL to (i) the Schedule Property, (ii) unsold units in the Projects along with all the present and future FSI, as may be available and collectively known as "**Property Rights**". The Property Rights as aforesaid does not include the apartments/units in the Projects which PHL has sold or has entered into letters of allotments/ agreements for sale with the allottees (except to the extent of receivables arising/due from such sale), as of date.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than (i) PHL, (ii) purchasers/allottees to whom units have been sold/ agreed to be sold, and (iii) the security interests subsisting in favour of IndusInd Bank over the Schedule Property, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Property Rights, are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Property Rights or their objections, if any, to creation of any security interest in the Property Rights. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of **14 (fourteen)** days from the date of publication of this notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received within **14 (fourteen)** days from the date of this notice, it shall be deemed that no one else other than PHL has any right, title, interest or claim/s in respect of the Property Rights.

SCHEDULE

(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of contiguous non-agricultural residentially converted lands totally measuring 59 acres 4 guntas (including (a) land measuring 7 acres 30.8 guntas relinquished towards park, open spaces and CDP roads, and (b) land measuring 29.73 guntas gifted to Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited) comprised in Survey Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4(P), 5(P), 6(P), 7(P), 8(P), 9 to 26, all situated at Venkatapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, Karnataka and bounded as

East by : 3 meter access road and thereafter Doddabele Village boundary;
West by : Kambipura Village boundary;
North by : Doddabele Village boundary; and
South by : Vrushabhavathi valley and private property.

Date: 17/02/2024
Place: Bengaluru

Mridul Kumbalath
Partner
Trilegal
Advocates & Solicitors
Prestige Poseidon
139, Residency Road
Bengaluru – 560 025
T: 080 4343 4646
Email: mridul.kumbalath@trilegal.com

TAMILNADU HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Short e- Tender Notice No. FPM2/ 8098 /2023 Dt: 16.02.2024

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil nadu, Short e-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors by the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency, 3rd floor, Agriculture Building Complex, Chepauk, Chennai-5, for the following work.

Sl. No	Description of work	Approximate Tender Value including 18% GST (Rs. In lakhs)
1.	Construction of Pathway, Steel Pergola, Flower Tunnel, Entrance Pannel, Entrance Arch, Toilet Block, U.G. Sump, Septic Tank, Old Block Renovation, Renovation of Cafe, Landscaping, ZIPLINE, Outdoor Electrical and Plumbing Works for Establishment of Kalaignar Centenary Park, Dr. Radhakrishnan Road, Chennai.	716.449

Short e-Tender bid submision closing date:24.02.2024. The e-tender documents, EMD details, BOQ and other tender documents which can be downloaded from the website: **https://tntenders.gov.in** free of cost. The tender inviting authority reserves the right to cancel or postpone the tender without assigning any reasons there for.

DIPR/ 1047 /TENDER/2024 **MANAGING DIRECTOR, TANHODA**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Auction for leasing of Parcel Space, Parking & Out of home Advertisement/Publicity

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites bidders for E-Auctions on the following Dates:

1. Catering & MPS : **20-02-2024, 21-02-2024, 26-02-2024 & 27-02-2024.**
2. Parcels: **22-02-2024 & 23-02-2024**
3. Advertising and ATM Contract on : **23-02-2024, 26-02-2024, 27-02-2024 & 29-02-2024.**
4. Parking & Pay and Use : **21-02-2024 & 28-02-2024**
5. Emergency Medical Room: **28-02-2024**

For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
PUB/652/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24 Bengaluru
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF 73 ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT MAYOHALL BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. No. 26205/2023

BETWEEN: G. O. Mohan Krishna Murthy, S/o G. Obalesh (Late), Janatha Colony, Near SBI Bank, Budigere, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural 562129 ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: M. Venkatesh and others ... **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No.2 To 4

2. Mohit Kumar Singh, No.427,S. N.T. Street, Dhobi Ghat Road M.V. Garden, Ulsoor Bangalore-560008. **3. Sadath Pasha,** S/o Taj Pasha, No.427,S. N.T. Street, Dhobi Ghat Road M.V. Garden, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560008. **4. Harish .S,** S/o Sundar, No.427,S. N.T. Street, Dhobi Ghat Road M.V. Garden, Ulsoor Bangalore-560008.

Where as the above named plaintiff has filed the suit against you for the Possession and injunction of his property which is allotted on 28-02-1977 from Corporation of city Bangalore ME/PR)609/1967-77 Plaintiff father G. Obalesh who is Plaintiff father.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on **01-03-2024** at 11:00 AM in person or through advocate to ensure the questioned to the same failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Schedule

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 427, measuring 20X25 totally measuring 500 Sq. ft situated at Munivenkatappa Garden, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560008. **East:** Site No.428, **West:** Site No.426, **North:** Military Compound, **South:** Main Road

Total extent of the property 500 Sq. ft.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 09-02-2024.

By order of the court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.

D.A. NAGAPRAVEENA, Advocate
No.3, 1st main, 4th Cross, Sri Ganapathi Badavane, Manjunathnagar, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073.

NATIONAL SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED(NSC)

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
22-C, SIDCO (N), INDL. ESTATE, AMBATTUR, CHENNAI-600 050
Tel: 044 - 26256192, 26242363

No: 4/OS/PRODN/NSC-CHN/2023-2024/5 Date: 16.02.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(I). e-Tenders are invited from the reputed Seed Producer / Supplier for supply of Paddy, Millets, Pulses, Oilseeds & Green Manure Seeds (e-tender **ID-No: 4/OS/PRODN/NSC-CHN/2023-2024/5**)

(II). Due date and time of Tender bid submission for supply is **01.03.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs.**

For detailed information log on to the website **https://indiaseeds.enivida.com** and **www.indiaseeds.com**

REGIONAL MANAGER

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

STATE INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT

TITILAGARH ROAD,BALANGIR - 767001 (ODISHA)

No.807/808/809/810/811/SIHM/2023-24/TENDER Date: 16.02.2024

E-tender invited by SIHM, Balangir from established dealers/shops manufacturers/distributors/firm registered in India for supply of :

1. DSLR Camera to SIHM, Balangir for the Academic Session 2023-24 (No.807/SIHM/2023-24/TENDER, dt.16.02.2024)
2. Various Electrical Equipment's to SIHM, Balangir for the Academic Session 2023-24 (No.808/SIHM/2023-24/TENDER, dt.16.02.2024)
3. Various Furniture to SIHM, Balangir for the Academic Session 2023-24 (No.809/SIHM/2023-24/TENDER, dt.16.02.2024)
4. PA System to SIHM, Balangir for the Academic Session 2023-24 (No.810/SIHM/2023-24/TENDER, dt.16.02.2024)
5. Smart Classroom Items & Other Equipments to SIHM, Balangir for the Academic Session 2023-24.(No.811/SIHM/2023-24/TENDER, dt.16.02.2024)

Interested parties may kindly visit the below mentioned website for further details: www.tenderwizard.com/SIHM or www.sihmbalangir.org

Sd/-
Principal

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ

ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, 3ನೇ ಮತ್ತು 4ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560009 ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–22273511–16

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕೃಮಂ/ಹಂಚಿಕೆ–8/ಬೇಡಿಕೆ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ:13.02.2024

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಮತಿಯಿಂದ ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮಿಂಚೇರಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ LIG, MIG, HIG-I, HIG-II ವರ್ಗದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯಿರುವ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 30.03.2024 ರವರೆಗೆ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ (website) https://www.khb.karnataka.gov.in ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು,
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

DIPR/CP/3658/Zen/2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(SHARAVATHY HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECTS)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two cover system) (Through e-procurement portal only)

Bids are invited through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from bidders for the following works **(1) No: KPCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT948/CALL-2. Dated: 05.02.2024. Name of the work: Plugging of 300mm Dia Pipe embedded in the body of Gerusoppa Dam. EMD: Rs.20,100/-.** Last date and time for submission of tenders: 20.02.2024 at 4:00pm. **(2) No:KPCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT 1171. Dated: 10.02.2024. Name of the work: Improvements of Power House Garden at Jyothinagar Colony, Gerusoppa. EMD: Rs.6,000/-.** Last date for receipt of tenders: 26.02.2024 at 3:00pm. Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (Civil), SHEP/KPCL, Gerusoppa, Honnavara Taluk, Uttara Kannada Dist., Karnataka. Mobile: 91416 10500.**

No.6581/PW/PH/DB-SWS/F No.24/e-42/2023-24
GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, P.W.D., PUDUCHERRY

Puducherry, the 14.02.2024

CORRIGENDUM-3

Sub: PW-PHD - Augmentation of Water Supply System at Veerampattinam Village and adjacent areas in Ariyankuppam Commune, Puducherry (2nd call) - Tender Postponement - Corrigendum - Issued - Reg.

Ref: 1. e-Tender Notice No.42/PW/PHD/23-24 and Tender Notice No.5226/PW/PH/DB-SWS/F No.24/e-42/2023-24, dt. 02.01.2024.
2. Tender ID: 2024_PWDC2_14638_1

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In continuation to the above reference the following corrigendum is issued as follows:

As per Corrigendum 2		To be read as
Availability of NIT	from 10.00 A.M. on 02.01.2024 to 4.00 P.M. on 14.02.2024	from 10.00 A.M. on 02.01.2024 to 4.00 P.M. on 28.02.2024
Closing time for submission of e tender	14.02.2024 04.00 P.M.	28.02.2024 04.00 P.M.
Date & Time of opening of e Tender	15.02.2024 11.00 A.M.	29.02.2024 11.00 A.M.

Due to administrative reason the corrigendum is issued. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

No.698/DIP/AD(Press)/2023-24 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PHD)**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ, ಕಾರವಾರ – 581 301

DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL, D.C. OFFICE
UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT, KARWAR - 581 301
Ph/Fax: 08382-221170 ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ : ka.uttarakannada.dudc@gmail.com

No. DUDC/Indira Canteen//2023-24 Dated: 15-02-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-2)

The Deputy Commissioner, Uttar Kannada district invites tender from the eligible contractors for Catering Services for Indira Canteen in 04 Urban Local Bodies of Uttara Kannada district as detailed below

Brief Description: Package –I Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Upper Ghat (Dandeli, Haliyala, Yellapur, Mundagod) Urban Local Bodies of Uttar Kannada District in Karnataka State. **Indent No. DMA/2023-24/IND0526/Call-2,** Approximate value of goods & services per year: **Rs. 267.84 Lakhs**, EMD: **Rs. 4.02 Lakhs**, Delivery Schedule: **As given in tender document**

Calendar of Events : (1) Pre-bid meeting date: **22-02-2024 at 11:00 hrs,** (2) Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents date: **04-03-2024 at 16:30 hrs** (3) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) date: **05-03-2024 at 17:00 hrs** (4) Date of Opening of Tenders (Financial Bids) date: **08-03-2024 at 11:00 hrs.** Further details can be obtained in office hours.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner
Uttara Kannada District, Karwar

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/695/23-24 dt. 15.02.2024

Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Belagavi

Tender Invited (E- Procurement)

Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Belagavi hereby invited tender from Registered Contractors for the Item rates through kppp Portal. There are total 36 work have been called, Standard of tender documents KW-4 for price of Hightest and Lowest Estimated Cost Rs. 200.00 Lakhs and Rs. 0.00 Lakh respectively and also Hightest and Lowest EMD has As Per Eprocurement for each work. The last date for Submission of any Quarries is 21-02-2024 17:28 PM, the last date for submission of tender bid is on 22-02-2024 17:28 PM. Opening of technical bid is on 26-02-2024 11-00 AM. and Expected Financial bid will be opened on 27-02-2024 11:30 PM. For any other information/ clarifications please contact the below signed office, and also search internet for kppp-Portal website http://kppp-proc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P. R. E. Division, Belagavi.

DIPO/BGM/RONO.1154/22-23

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division, Bangalore - 560064.

No: BBMP/EE/YNK.D/E-PMT/13/2023-24 Date: 16.02.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Short Term Tender Notification) (Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division invites tenders on behalf of the commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Completion of Balance Development work at Judical Layout Playground in ward No 04 **Est. Cost in Lakhs :** Rs.185.00 **EMD in Lakhs :** Rs. 2.80

Calendar of events: 1) Date of Pre bid meeting on 21-02-2024 at 16.00 hrs. 2) Tenders must be submitted online on or before 16.00 hours on 27-02-2024 and the opening of tenders will be as per the Kpp Portal guidelines. 3) Date of Opening of Technical bids on 28-02-2024 after 16:00 hours

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division

INDIAN BANK

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

AVENUE ROAD BRANCH, Bangalore-560002.
Ph: 080-22958800, 8801. Mobile: 9449864110

APPENDIX - IV (Rule-8(1))

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002issued a **demand notice dated 01/12/2023** calling upon the **borrower & Mortgagor (Guarantor) M/s M.S.Traders** (Borrower Firm Rep by **Mr. Saleem Baig (Lt.)** and **Mrs. Mubeena Baig, W/o Saleem Baig** with our **Avenue Road Branch** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.10,37,881/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty One Only)** with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ hereunder Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **14th day of February of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank** for an amount of **Rs.10,37,881/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty One Only)** and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of immoveable property bearing No.1106, situated at 8th Main Road, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029. Presently, the property comes under BBMP limits measuring East to West: 30.50 feet, North to South: 54.97 feet, totally measuring 1675.67 Sq.ft. and **Bounded on: East by:** 8th Main Road, **West by:** Property No.1105, **North by:** Property New No.16, Old No.30, **South by:** Cross Road.

Date: 14-02-2024, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

'JAL BHAVAN', No. 6, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout
Bannerghatta Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 029
Phone : 080-41106507 - 18.
e-mail: cekwbbng@gmail.com website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP only)

The following tenders are invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement from eligible Agency/Contractors as detailed below:

No.KWB/TEC/CE(B)/DCE/TA/AE-4/CTD AMRUT2.0/1174/2023-24, Dtd: 15.02.2024

1) Name and description of work : Tender for the work of "Improvements of water supply system to Hosadurga, Holalkere & Jaglur towns under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a period of 5 years (including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) mode. (NO VARIATION)."

KUWSDB/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT159

Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crores) (Including GST): 60.94 (CAPEX:57.30 + OPEX: Rs.3.64)

Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakhs) (Including GST): 60.94

Tender Processing fee (Rs.): As per e-procurement portal

Period of completion Including monsoon : 12 months.

Calendar of Events:-

1) Date and time for commencement of downloading of Document 17.02.2024 after 11:30 hours. 2) Date and Time of Pre-bid meeting: 26.02.2024 at 11:30 hours. 3) Last date and time for submission / uploading of the tender in the e-procurement portal: 04.03.2024 upto 17:30 hours. 4) Date & Time of Opening of the Technical bids: 07.03.2024 after 11:00 hours.

For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer (B), KUWS & D Board, Bengaluru, may please be contacted or website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or e-Procurement helpdesk 080-46010000/080-68948777, email support: support@eprochelpdesk.com.

DIPR/CP/3654/AKAR/2023-24 **Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER (B), KUWS & D BOARD, Bengaluru**

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

Request for proposals (2nd call Short tender) are invited through e-procurement platform for Selection of Service Provider to provide Training Facilities, Residential Facilities and Support Services for implementing Capacity Building Program for School Teachers of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

RFP downloading starts from : 17.02.2024 @ 03.00 PM.
Last date for RFP : 26.02.2024 @ 03.00 PM.

Note: Further details can be viewed at **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** or contact : **80741 75258, 95155 81396.**

Sd/- For State Project Director

DIPR No.2716PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.16/02/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **SRI.ASHWIN KUMAR UPADHYA** S/o late Sri.Nagaraja Upadhya, residing at No.2784, 8th 'B' Main, 16th Cross, BSK 2nd stage, Bengaluru- 560070. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant **BDA Site bearing No.122**, PID No.3320080368, measuring East to West 15.00 Mtrs and North to South 24.10 Mtrs, in all measuring 361.50 Sq.Mtrs, in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), situated at **Banashankari 6th Stage, 8th Block,** Bengaluru and bounded as follows:

East by : Site bearing No.121
West by : Site bearing No.123
North by : Road
South by : Site bearing No.130 & 129

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY .M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex,
22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage,
Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer (Ele),
Mahadevapura Zone, K.R. Pura, Bengaluru

No: BBMP/MDZ/EE/ELE/TEND/02/2023-24 Date: 16.02.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Single / Two Cover System)
(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer (Elect), Mahadevapura Zone, Invites Item rate tenders in accordance With KTPP rules 2000 & 2017, from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/KPWD/CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any other equivalent Central/State Government Organizations for the work detailed in the table.

• Providing Energy Efficient LED Street Ligthing System

Sl. No.	Ward Nos.	Approx Value of Works (₹ in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)	Reserve for SC/ST/ Other	No. of Works
1.	86	10,00,000/-	12,500/-	ST	01
2.	87	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
3.	88	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
4.	89	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
5.	90	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
6.	91	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
7.	92	10,00,000/-	12,500/-	SC	01
8.	93	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
9.	94	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
10.	95	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
11.	96	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
12.	97	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
13.	98	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
14.	99	10,00,000/-	12,500/-	SC	01
15.	100	10,00,000/-	12,500/-	SC	01
16.	101	10,00,000/-	12,500/-	SC	01
17.	102	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
18.	103	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
19.	104	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
20.	105	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
21.	106	10,00,000/-	12,500/-	SC	01
22.	107	10,00,000/-	25,000/-	-	01
23.	M& R and replacement of street lights poles cables etc of parks coming under K.R Pura Constituency of Mahadevapura Zone **Approx Value of Work:** 10,00,000/- **EMD Amount:** 25,000/-				
24.	M& R and replacement of street lights poles cables etc of parks coming under Mahadevapura Constituency of Mahadevapura Zone (Reserved for ST) **Approx Value of Work:** 25,00,000/- **EMD Amount:** 25,000/-				
25.	Maintenance of Diesel Generator in Panathuru Electrical Crematorium & Zonal Offices. **Approx Value of Work:** 5,00,000/- **EMD Amount:** 12,500/-				
26.	Repairs to Electrical installation of BBMP Building coming under Mahadevapura Zone **Approx Value of Work:** 7,00,000/- **EMD Amount:** 17,500/-				
27.	105	23,07,700/-	46,154/-	-	01

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal from **19.02.2024.** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **26.02.2024** upto **4:00** pm (3) Technical Bid shall be opened on **27.02.2024** at **4:30** pm. (4) Commercial Bid shall be opened on **29.02.2024** at **4:30** pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Elec.) Mahadevapura Zone

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 13.02.2024	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	30258310000516	1) Mr. Venkatesh A M, 2) Mrs. Sumana	31.07.2020	22.10.2023	Rs.9,37,819/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Nineteen Only)	23.02.2024 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.7,29,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Only)	Rs.72,900/- (Rupees Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	05.03.2024 @ 02:00 PM	04.03.2024, Till 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11.5 acres & 18 guntas including the Kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk, Bangalore and **Bounded on the: North by:** Maya Sandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road. **Description of Residential Unit:** Residential Apartment Bearing No.A-305 Third Floor of Tower-04A, consists of One Hall, One Bed Rood, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as "Janaadhar Shubha" constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the the purchasers of other Apartments. The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet.									
2	30258310000045	1) Mr. Kumaravelan B, 2) Mrs. Kalpana K, 3) Parashuram R	21.07.2020	16.10.2023	Rs.9,17,972/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two Only)	23.02.2024 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.9,32,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Only)	Rs.93,200/- (Rupees Ninety

3 construction workers were killed and two remained missing after a supermarket collapsed in Italy's Florence

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	11	3	SNY	Los Angeles	20	11	SNY
Colombo	33	23	LR	Melbourne	25	11	LC
Dhaka	28	14	SNY	Moscow	-2	-2	LC
Dubai	30	18	SNY	New York	3	-5	SN
Houston	12	3	LC	Singapore	33	23	LR
Istanbul	9	6	LC	Toronto	-3	-5	SN
London	14	11	LC	Washington	5	-5	SNY

Putin critic Alexei Navalny dies in prison

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin's most prominent critic Alexei Navalny died Friday in an Arctic prison, said Russian authorities, announcing his death a month before an election poised to extend Vladimir Putin's hold on power.

Navalny's death after three years in detention and a poisoning which he blamed on the Kremlin deprives Russia's opposition of its figurehead at time of intense repression and Moscow's campaign in Ukraine. Dissidents and Western officials blamed Putin and his government for the 47-year-old's death, which followed months of deteriorating health in harsh detention conditions. "Alexei Navalny was tortured and tormented for three years... Murder was added to Alexei Navalny's sentence," Russian

Nobel Peace Prize winner Dmitry Muratov was quoted as saying by the Novaya Gazeta newspaper.

Russian news agencies reported that medics from a hospital in Russia's far north spent more than "half an hour" trying to resuscitate Navalny, who reportedly lost consciousness after a walk. The exiled team of Navalny said it had not been informed of his death and that a lawyer was headed to the Arctic prison colony where he was serving a 19-year term on an extremism conviction.

Navalny was Russia's most prominent opposition leader and won a huge following with his campaigning against corruption in Putin's Russia.

Russia's Investigative Committee said it had opened an investigation into the death.

Citing his spokesman, Russian news agencies reported that Putin had been informed of Navalny's death. Putin — who famously never referred to Navalny by name — was on a visit to Chelyabinsk on Friday.

'Brutally murdered'

One of Navalny's lawyers, Leonid Solovyov, told the independent Novaya Gazeta paper that the Kremlin critic was "normal" when a lawyer saw him on Wednesday. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said he had "paid for his courage with his life", while Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said his death was a "huge tragedy" for the Russian people. *AFP*

Young Russians voice disbelief and fear over politician's death

MOSCOW

IN THE streets of Moscow, young Russians voiced disbelief and fear on Friday at the news that opposition leader Alexei Navalny had died in his Arctic prison colony.

"I'm afraid. Afraid of what will happen next. Afraid of what the state can do with its citizens," said Mark, an 18-year-old student. Valeria, 28, said Navalny was "a symbol of hope for some kind of better future for Russia". "I feel that with his death that hope dies too," the tour guide said.

"I think a lot of people will just give up because people always need a symbol for any opposition." Navalny had been President Vladimir Putin's most outspoken critic for years and managed to galvanise huge street protests despite Russia's harsh laws against demonstrations.

He became a household name through his popular exposes of official corruption in Putin's Russia. He was jailed in early 2021 after returning to Russia from Germany, where he was recuperating from a near-fatal poisoning attack with Novichok, a Soviet-era nerve agent.

In a string of cases he was sentenced to 19 years in prison on charges widely condemned by independent rights groups and in the West as retribution for his opposition to the Kremlin. Fellow opposition figures and human rights campaigners reacted with shock to the death. *AFP*

Palestinians look at the remains of a residential building destroyed in an Israeli strike in Rafah, Gaza Strip | AP

5 die as oxygen runs out in Gaza hosp seized by Israel

RAFAH

FIVE PATIENTS in intensive care died after their oxygen cut off in southern Gaza's main hospital that was stormed by Israeli troops, causing chaos for hundreds of staff and wounded inside, health officials said on Friday. Troops were searching the complex where the military said it believes the remains of hostages abducted by Hamas might be located.

The raid came after troops had besieged Nasser Hospital in the southern city of Khan Younis for nearly a week, with staff, patients and others inside struggling under heavy fire and dwindling supplies, including food and water. The Israeli military said on Friday it had detained dozens from the facility, including some it alleged were involved in Hamas' October 7 attack on Israel.

Nasser Hospital was the latest in a series of hospitals Israeli forces have besieged and stormed during the war, claiming Hamas was using them for military purposes. The assaults have gutted Gaza's health sector as it struggles to treat a constant stream of people wounded in daily bombardments.

Negotiations over a ceasefire in Gaza, meanwhile, appear to have stalled, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday pushed back hard against the US vision for after the war ' particularly its calls for the creation of a Palestinian state. After speaking overnight with President Joe Biden, Netanyahu wrote on X that Israel will not accept 'international dictates regarding a permanent settlement with the Palestinians'.

He said that if other countries unilaterally recognise a Palestinian state, it would give a 'reward to terrorism'.

In their phone call, Biden again cautioned Netanyahu against moving forward with a military operation in Rafah before coming up with a 'credible and executable plan' to ensure the safety of Palestinian civilians, the White House said. Two Israeli airstrikes on Rafah overnight killed at least 10 people, including seven members of the same family, said hospital officials.

Meanwhile, Israel launched airstrikes into southern Lebanon for a second day on Thursday after killing 10 civilians and three Hezbollah fighters on Wednesday. *AP*

Greece legalises same-sex marriage

ATHENS

GREECE'S parliament on Thursday overwhelmingly adopted a bill legalising same-sex marriage and adoption in a landmark reform promoted by the conservative government despite opposition from the powerful Orthodox Church.

Once the law is promulgated, Greece will become the 37th country in the world and the first Orthodox Christian one to legalise adoption by same-sex families.

Visitors embrace after the parliamentary voting on same-sex marriage in Athens | AFP

The bill, which was supported by the New Democracy party of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, was approved with 176 votes out of the 245 MPs present following two days of debates. "This is a milestone for human rights, reflecting today's Greece — a progressive, and democratic country, passionately committed to European values," Mitsotakis said on X, formerly Twitter. *AFP*

Imran's party to sit in Oppn in Pak

ISLAMABAD

With its efforts to form the next government going nowhere despite winning the maximum number of seats, beleaguered Imran Khan's party on Friday decided to sit in the Opposition in the Centre according to the directives of the jailed party founder and former prime minister.

The decision was announced by Barrister Ali Saif of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), a day after the party had named Umar Ayub Khan as its candidate for the prime minister and Aslam Iqbal as chief minister for Punjab.

Talking to the media after visiting the Qaumi Watan Party in Islamabad, Saif said the party decided to sit in the opposition in the Centre and Punjab under the instructions of party founder Khan. "We decided to sit in opposition despite the reality that if we received seats according to our votes and the results were not changed then maybe today we might have been in the Centre with 180 seats," he said. It was not clear if the party would participate in the election of the prime minister and Punjab chief minister after the decision to join the opposition ranks.

Earlier in the day, PTI claimed that at least 85 seats won by it were snatched in the "biggest voter fraud" in the country's history and announced plans to hold "peaceful" nationwide protests on Saturday against alleged rigging. *PTI*

KHAN CHALLENGES CIPHER, TOSHAKHANA SENTENCES

Islamabad: Jailed former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday separately challenged in the Islamabad High Court his sentences in the cipher and Toshakhana corruption cases. Separate petitions have been filed before the Islamabad HC through Barrister Ali Zafar against Khan's sentences in the cases.

Zelenskyy signs 'historic' security pact with Germany

BERLIN

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy signed a security deal with Germany on Friday in Berlin, hailed by Chancellor Olaf Scholz as a "historic step" anchoring sustained support for Kyiv in its raging battles against Russia. Zelenskyy will also seal a similar deal with France later on Friday as he seeks to shore up help for his forces, who are struggling to hold off Russian attacks on the frontline city of Avdiivka.

With the Ukraine war about to enter a third year, the president was set to make a new plea for sustained help with financing and armaments at the Munich Security Conference, where leaders like US Vice President Kamala Harris are to gather.

Zelenskyy's European tour comes at a critical time with Ukraine facing mounting pressure on the eastern frontlines because of ammunition shortages and fresh Russian attacks. Fierce fighting raged around Avdiivka, on the eastern frontline, which has become a main Russian target ahead of the invasion anniversary. *AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Sri. Sundaresan. M., Adithya.M.,** are inclined to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property/ Apartment from its Absolute Owners Smt.Rathnamma @ Rathna, Sri.Sathish Kumar.K., Sri.Madhusudan K., and others residing at No.5/3, Ramadevaru Temple Street, Doopanahalli, H.A.L 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560 038. As such my client has already negotiated the same for a valuable consideration. In this regard if any person/s having any claims, rights, title interest, whatsoever over the Schedule Property/Apartment may forwards their objections to the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the date of this Notice. Failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims, title or interest by anybody and my client will proceed with the proposed sale transaction. And will get register the absolute Sale deed into his name.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing Municpal No.5/22, Apartment No.TF-304 with a built up area of 1290+150 Sq.ft., with an undivided share of 324 Sq.ft., including one covered car parking in the basement which is constructed on property bearing No.5, measuring approximately East to West on the Northern side 62 feet 6 ½ inches, on the Southern side 74 feet 7 inches, and North to South on the Eastern side 154 feet 5 inches and on the Western side 129 feet 3 inches, in all measuring approximately 10259 Sq. feet, situated at Doopanahalli Village. Indiranagar Bangalore, within the limits of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, and bounded on the:

East by : Rama Temple Road,
West by : Private Property,
North by : 13th C Main Road,
South by : 13th D Main Road,

Bangalore, Date: 16/02/2024

B.V.V.M & Associates, Advocates
No.86/2, Ground Floor, DVG Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560004

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
DRC NO: 1611 / 2018

Punjab National Bank
Ramanagara Branch
Ramanagara District
Represented by its Manager
Sri. Nagaraja
- Certificate Holder
Versus
M/s Nandi Electronics & Furniture & Another
- Defendant

DEMAND NOTICE

1. M/s Nandi Electronics & Furniture Represented by its Proprietor L B Prabhuraj S/o Basavarajaiah Kootagal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District - 562 159
2. Sri. Chetan.D S/o L B Devraj Residing at No.27, Ward Near Adishakti Temple, Kempegowda Circle, Ramanagar 562 159
Defendant

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in T.A: 1199/2017 passed by the Hon'ble presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on 26/09/18 an amount of **Rs. 16,50,692/-(Rupees Sixteen Lakh(s) Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing os O.A. till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **4th day of April 2019**

Sd/-
Recovery Officer-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BENGALURU

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

3) You are also liable to disclose your assests both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public at large are hereby notified that our Client has negotiated for purchase of the Schedule Property described hereunder from its owners A.M. Muddasar Pasha & Family, and our Client intends to conclude the said transaction. As such any person(s) having any claim whatsoever over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to file their objections, claims, if any, alongwith supporting documents to the below mentioned address within **21 (Twenty one)** days from the date of this notice. If no objections/claims are received within the said period, our Client shall proceed as bonafide purchaser to conclude the sale transaction by paying the entire sale consideration amount and getting the sale deed registered in his favour.

SCHEDULE

All that piece & parcel of the converted land in Sy. No. 93/2 measuring 6 Acres 26 Guntas situated at **Hurulagurki Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengalooru Rural District** (Conversion Order No. 239145 Dt. 28.07.2021 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengalooru Rural District), bounded on the:

EAST BY : Mudugurki Village Boundary
WEST BY : Land in Sy. No. 94
NORTH BY : Land in Sy. No. 92
SOUTH BY : Mudugurki Village Boundary

(G.S. Prasanna Kumar) Advocate
#9, 2nd Main, Srikantan Layout, Crescent Road High Grounds, Bengalooru 560 001
Email: lincandco@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs.. Ushakiron Shivakumar** w/o Shivakumar Swamy Honnappa, Aged about65 Years Residence:-Villa no. 65, IVC Road, T. Hosahalli, village, devanahalli Taluk,Bangalore rural Dist. Mob. 9945543862, Site bearing No. 279, situated at Adarsh Nagar Layout, Arashinakunte Village, Nelamangala taluk, Bangalore rural dist, in previously who is Mrs Chamundeswari Estate, R/at:-No. 40, K.R Road, Bangalore, The property was purchased by Anand Builders and Developers and thereafter the said property was transferred from the said Anand Builders and Developers to my client Mrs. UshakironShivakumar on dated 25-1-1991 R.No. 2457190-91, Vol No. 1565, at page No. 196 to200 purchased is correct.Therefore, my client Mrs. Ushakiron Shivakumar has Vila No. 65 While clearing, the original sale deed document was lost at the above mentioned address last 1 month ago, and my client has complained about this in the police station on 14-2-2024, so that ifanyone finds the said sale Deed in the future, it will not be misused. If anyone gets theabove mentioned deed then my above mentioned client Mrs. The public is herebyrequested to bring it to the address of Ushakiron Shivakumar.

Address :**-K. Manjunath, Advocate**
Vega Law Associates, No#10, Appaji Nilaya, Venkatappa Layout East, Shantinagar South Devanahalli Town Mob: 9901595018

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. MANJUNATH T.N,** 36 years, S/o. Narayan Reddy, No. B-111, Dwaarakamai, Olive Apartment, Muniswami Setty Layout Road, Hoodi circle, Bangalore-48, Aadhar: 997687779098, is intending to purchase the below mentioned property from **Sri. R. GANGADHAR,** 48 Years, S/o. Late P. Rangaiah, No.650, 17th 'C' Cross, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-38, Aadhar: 617038617754.

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest, claim or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may contact the undersigned and offer his/her/their version, in writing within ten (10) days from publication of this notice with relevant documents, failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claim received after that will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential Premises 'AISHVARRYA" bearing Site No.650, PID No.82-25-650, situated at Binnamangla Block, 17th C Cross, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, within limits of BBMP, Ward No.80-Hoysalarnagar, Bangalore measuring East to West 40 ft. & North to South 30 ft., totally measuring 1200 Sq. Ft. and bounded by on East by Road, West by Site No. 665, North by Site No. 649, South by Site No.651.

KARTHIK .S, Advocate
No.517, 10th F Main, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. Mobile: 9738777056
Bangalore, Dated: 15.02.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Land bearing Sy.No.151/7 measuring 0.23 guntas and Sy.No.151/8 measuring 1 Acre 24 guntas, situated at Bengaluru Rural District, Doddaballapura Taluk, Madurai Hobli, Kodihalli Village originally belongs to Late Lakshmi Narasimhaiah and Smt.Hanumakka. The above said lands have been converted from agricultural to non-agricultural purpose ie, residential sites by the order dated 07/03/2022 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, based on an Order Application No.303767 and 303766 respectively. The above said lands have been purchased by one Ashok.R, who is owner of M.R.Properties through an Agreement of Sale. Amongst the converted residential sites, site No.18 and 19 were going to be purchased by my client.

Therefore, it is hereby informed to the General Public, that any person/s having any right, title or interest by way of inheritance or claim against the said sites mentioned herein below are called upon to send their claims in writing to the undersigned along with the documentary evidence in support of the said claim thereof within 15 days of Publication of the said Notice, failing which, claims if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and I shall opine that the below mentioned sites are free of any claims and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the schedule sites.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of site No.18 measuring 71.59 Sq.Mtr, formed in converted land bearing Sy.No.151/7, measuring 0.23 guntas, Sy.No.151/8 measuring 1 acre 24 guntas, situated at Kodihalli Village, Madhurai Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk and bounded on : East by : Site No.17, West by : Site No.19, North by : Sy.No.151/16 and South by : 9 meters wide road.

All that piece and parcel of site No.19 measuring 71.63 Sq.Mtr, formed in converted land bearing Sy.No.151/7, measuring 0.23 guntas, Sy.No.151/8 measuring 1 acre 24 guntas, situated at Kodihalli Village, Madhurai Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk and bounded on : **East by :** Site No.18, **West by :** Site No.20, **North by :** Sy.No.151/16 and **South by :** 9 meters wide road.

Advocates, **Dhananjaya .N.** B.A. LL.B., **Shruthi .A.J,** B.A.L., LL. B., No.11/1, Next to HDFC Bank, Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Mobile No: 8105887225

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. NAGESWARA RAO NIDAMARTHY,** Aged about 69 years, S/o. Mr. Nidamarthy Ramarao, Residing at No.1104, Apline Pyramid, 11th Floor, Pent House, NTI Layout, Kodigenahalli, Rajivgandhinagar, Sahakaranagar Post, Bangalore- 560092, I have lost the Registered Sale Deed document No. 1655/1990-91, Book-1, Volume 4434, pages 158 to 163, dated: 28/06/1990, before the sub registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, executed by **NTI Housing Co Operative Society Limited, represented by its Secretary Mr. R.Prakash, infavour of Mr. Nageswara Rao Nidamarthy,** in respect of the Vacant property bearing New Municipal No. 29, PID No. 100-706-29, NTI Layout, Nagashetty Halli, Old BBMP Ward No. 100, New BBMP Ward No. 18-Radhakrishna Temple Ward, (formerly Site No. 29, according to the plan submitted to the Bangalore Development Authority by the NTI (National Technological Institution) Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd., Bangalore Layout formed in Survey Nos. 22/3, 22/4, 22/5, 24/2 & 25/2 Situated at Nagashettihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Bangalore, measuring East to West: 35 Feet or 10.668021 Meters and North to South : 40 Feet or 12.192024 Meters, totally 1400 Sq.ft or 130.0642 Sq.Meters., and bounded on: East by: Private Land; West by : Site No. 28; North by : Road; South by: Site No. 30; If any person finds the same may deliver to the undersigned within seven days from the date of this publication.

K. Ajayakumar, Advocate,
AJAY & ASSOCIATES,
18, 1st floor, Thimmaiah Garden, Devegowda Road, R .T. Nagar Post, Bangalore- 560 032.
Ph. (0) 0804990563 and 08048506640, Mob. 9880140512

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients proposing to purchase the property described Schedule hereunder, for valid sale consideration on assurance of its present owner **Sri Sudhir Boury,** S/o Mr. K.B. Boury alias Kul Bhushan Boury, that he has not encumbered the same in any way in favour of anybody.

If anybody is having any objection, lawful claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transantiation, may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s **within Eight (8) days** from the date of this publication, failing which, our clients would proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above described present owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of purchase of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/ objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing No.165, measuring East to West 19.8 Meters and North to South 12.8 Meters., with R.C.C Building consisting of Ground Floor and First Floor, measuring 2889.3 Sq.Ft., having PID No.57-79-165, situated at 20th Main, 15th Cross, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560 078, Ward No.57, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.166, **North by:** Site No.164/A, **South by:** Road.

H.R. SHRIDHARA MURTHY
C.B. KOMAL KUMAR, Advocate
No. 8/309-310, 1st Floor, Prabhath Complex, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Mobile: 8711004354, Office: 080-41488901.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client, **Mrs. Amudhavalli V,** D/o G.Kannan, W/o. Late Venkatesan, Residing at Alathur village and post, Chengam Taluk, Thiruvanamalai District, Tamil Nadu, is co-owner Property bearing Site No.273/B 6th Main Road, 5th D Cross, HAL III stage, Extension, Bengluru, measuring East to West 59 feet, and North to South 18 ft in all measuring 1062 sq. ft (hereinafter referred to as 'Subject property')

This is to inform the general Public that our Client has lost and is unable to trace the following Original Deeds and Documents pertaining to the Subject Property,

1. Original allotment letter issued by BDA in respect of Subject Property
2. Original Possession certificate dated 9-07-1999 bearing PCR No.1911/99-2000
3. Original Katha Certificate in respect of Subject Property

The aforesaid documents are not in our Client's custody. These documents are lost and our Client has also lodged a complaint with the jurisdictional police on 03.02.2024 in this regard. No person or persons, having found the Original Title Documents has nor shall claim any right or assert any title, interest, or claim in the Subject Property or any part thereof or in the said documents or against our Client. Hence, all persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone based on the said missing documents and anybody who finds the aforesaid original documents is requested to hand over the same to us at the address mentioned below.

Ramesha Sharma P, Advocate
Sāmya Law Chambers,
No. 327-328, 4th Floor, K.P. Heights, 80 Feet Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru – 560 038.
Phone: (+91) 9481511505

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client, **Sri.Devaraj.M,** aged about 46 years, S/o Mariswamy residing at No.351, 5th Cross, BEML Layout, T C Palya, Bangalore-560036, represents that the Original Release deed dated 28.03.2023 Registered as Document No.BDH-1-10328/2022-23 in Book-1, stored in CD No.BDHD1266 in the office of the Sub Registrar Bidarahalli, executed by Smt. Shanthamma.P, **Sri.Anthony raj and Sri.Joseph.M** release and relinquished their rights Schedule property to in favour of **Sri.Devaraj.M,** in respect to the SCHEDULE PROPERTY mentioned hereunder is lost/misplace and not traceable.

If anybody other than the said **Sri.Devaraj.M** has any claim, right, title and interest on the SCHEDULE PROPERTY by virtue of being in possession or otherwise of the above said Original Documents, or any Rights they should file their claim with documentary proof within SEVEN DAYS from the date of issuance of this Public Notice in our office, at the address mentioned below, failing which, it will be taken for granted that nobody has any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY other than the said **Sri.Devaraj.M.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immoveable Property bearing Vacant Site No.5, Sy No.48/2, Situated at, **Sonnathammanahalli @ Thambushettipalya, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, formerly Bangalore South Taluk,** New BBMP Ward No.52, K R Puram) measuring East to West 72 feet and North to South 12 feet, in all measuring 864 Sq. feet., and bounded on the;

East by : 20 feet Road; West by : Private Property; North by: Private Property; South by : Remaining Portion Property belongs to Anthony Raj.

SHRUTHI.S, Advocate,
Unit No.101, 1st Floor, No.663, at 3rd Cross, Opp: to Karnataka Bank, K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560036.

IN THE COURT OF 83 ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

CCH-83
COMM.O.S.NO. 1478/2023

Between:
Axis Bank Limited,
Having its registered Office at Trishul, 3rd Floor, Opposite Samaratheshwar Temple, Near Law Garden, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006 and its branch office, Plot No. 41, Sheshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009. Represented by its Senior Manager and Authorized Representative Sri. B.Y.Arjun Dev
...Plaintiff

AND

Shree Ganesh Provision and Vegetable Store, ...Defendants

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C

Summons to Defendant

Shree Ganesh Provision and Vegetable Store, Represented By Its Proprietor, Sri. Alok Jaiswal, S/o Sri. Ramesh Jaiswal, Aged About 40 Years No.32, Nayak Layout, JP Nagar 8th Phase, Above Halli Thopa Bangalore - 560 076

ALSO AT Shree Ganesh Provision and Vegetable Store Represented By Its Proprietor, **Sri. Alok Jaiswal,** S/o Sri. Ramesh Jaiswal, Aged About 40 Years, No.379, S M Heritage, MS Palya Main Road Vidyaranyapura. Bangalore-560 097

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 8,06,044/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Six Thousand And Forty Four Only) together with interest thereon at the rate 24% p.a., with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **18.03.2024** at **11.00 am,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **16.02.2024**

By Order of Court
Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocates for Plaintiff
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore-560047

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH -36)
O.S.NO.5070 /2022

BETWEEN : Mr. B.K.Prashanth, S/o Late Sri. Kalachari, aged about 65 years, R/at No.14, 2nd Floor, Priya Darshini Layout Main Road, Near Muneeshwara Temple, Moodalapalya, Bangalore - 560072 **...Plaintiff**

AND : 1. Sri. Narayana R Nayak, S/o Ramaji Nayak, aged about 70 years, R/at No.23, 1st Cross, OM Shakthi Temple Road, Hegganahalli Cross, Bangalore - 560091

and also at : P.K.Palya Village, Thumbadi Post, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District - 572129.

2. Smt. Bharathi D.R, Advocate, R/at House No.30 & 31, Ground Floor, Hegganahalli Cross, Sanjeevininagara, Anjenaya Temple Road, (old OM Shakthi Temple Road) Peenya IInd Stage, Bangalore - 560091. **...Defendants**

Notice to Respondents Nos 1(a) to 1(b) Under Order 5 rule 20 (1A) Read with section 151 of Code of Civil procedure 1908

Defendant No.1 Since dead represented by his Legal Heirs:

1(a) Smt. Prema, aged Major, W/o Narayana R. Nayak, R/at #506 / 786, 1st Cross, 1st Stage, Sanjeevininagar, Bangalore - 560091.

1(b) Mr. Sandesh, aged Major, S/o Narayana R. Nayak, R/at #506 / 786, 1st Cross, 1st Stage, Sanjeevininagar, Bangalore - 560091.

Whereas, the plaintiff has instituted the above suit against the defendant for the eviction of the schedule premises currently in the occupation of the second defendant. You are hereby summoned to appear in the court in person or by an advocate duly instructed and able to answer all material questions **on the 20-03-2024, at 11.am** to answer the claim and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the case, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that price and parcel of the property bearing No.70 /2 & 70 /3 /31, Situated at Hegganahalli Cross, Sanjeevini nagar (old OM Shakthi Temple Road), opp: Anjenaya Temple Road, Peenya IInd Stage, Bangalore - 560091, along with building consisting of Ground + Three Floors Constructed on land measuring East to West 29 1/2 feet and North to South 42 feet, **East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Road, **South by:** Private property.

SCHEDULE "B"

Two bedroom house on the Ground floor in the building constructed on the "A" schedule property detailed above, having super built up area of about 1100 Sq.feet (approximately) having Two bed Rooms, Hall, Kitchen, Bath Room, Electrical Fittings and other amenities

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day aforementioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on this **08-02-2024**

By Order Of The Court, Assistant Registrar City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocates for Plaintiff
Brijesh Chander Guru,
Guru Associates, No.2918 /E, "Guru" Ist Main, IInd Cross, Vijayanagar II Stage, Bangalore - 560104. Tel: 080 23388886.

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560 001
O.A.NO.111/2022

BETWEEN:
HDFC BANK LIMITED., ... APPLICANT
AND:
DIGITAL CONMIX & ANOTHER ...DEFENDANTS

To,
1.DIGI CONMIX, Represented by its Partner G D Krishnamurthy, S.R.No.28/6, Mahimapura Road, Kerekathiganooru, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural-562 123
2.Sri.Madhusudhana Reddy, S/o.Sri. Munireddy, Aged Aobut 31 Years, No.134, 3rd Floor, Mahadevapura, Kagdasapura, Banglaore-560 048

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(Viii)OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.28,37,403/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Three Rupees only)** amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause **on 20/03/2024 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day **20/12/2023.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 449/SE/PHC/ TSR/2023-24

1. Jal Jeevan Mission - WSS to Aloor, Kodakara (part1) - Supply and Laying of CWPM from Chalakudy WTP to water tanks. EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 11,800/-, Last Date for submitting Tender : 01-03-2024, 03:00:pm Phone : 0487 – 2423230.

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-2366-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Thrissur

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C- INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) NO. **EEPHDRAYAGADA-67 /2023-24 DT.07.02.2024**

Sl No.	Name of the work	Bid identification No.	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of Bid Document for Online Bidding	
						From	To
1.	Augmentation of Water Supply to Gunupur Town (Intake well & Pumping Main)	EEPHDRAYAGADA-67/2023-24 Dtd. 07.02.2024	626.13	Special Class and 'A' Class	11 (Eleven Months)	22.02.2024 (11.00Hr)	07.03.2024 (17.00 Hr)

Name & Address of Officer Inviting Bid : **Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Rayagada, Email: eephd.rgda.od@nic.in, eephdrgda@gmail.com**

- Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal **"https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in"**
- **All amendments, time extension, clarifications etc. will be uploaded in the website only. Bidders should regularly visit the above website to keep themselves updated.**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
P.H. DIVISION, RAYAGADA

OIPR- 13052/11/0025/2324

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
900.91 ↓	Sensex	63,148.15	₹220 ↑	24 carat (10 gm)	₹62,440	₹1,100 ↑	1 kg	₹75,600	↓ Dollar		82.99
129.95 ↑	Nifty	22,040.70	₹200 ↑	22 carat (10 gm)	₹56,250	₹11 ↑	10 gm	₹756	↓ Euro		89.19

Paytm Bank customers get 15-day relaxation

After March 15, users will not be able to top-up, transfer money into wallet, other than cashbacks, refunds

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday extended the deadline of business restrictions that it imposed on Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) to March 15 from the earlier deadline of February 29.

Paytm has shifted its nodal account to Axis Bank by opening an Escrow Account to continue merchant settlements as before. Paytm Spokesperson said, "The shift of the nodal account to Axis Bank (by opening an Escrow Account) will ensure seamless merchant settlements as before."

The central bank stated that the nodal accounts of One97 Communications and Paytm Payments Services maintained by PPBL are to be terminated at the earliest, in any case not later than February 29, 2024.

"No further deposits or credit transactions or top ups shall be allowed in any customer accounts, prepaid instruments, wallets, FASTags, National Common Mobility Cards, etc. after March 15, 2024, other than any interest, cashbacks, sweep in from partner banks or refunds which may be credited anytime," the RBI said.

It also released FAQs (frequently asked questions) on Paytm Payments Bank and according to that, customers can continue to use, withdraw or transfer their funds from their account up to the available balance in the account.

They can also continue to use debit cards to withdraw or transfer funds up to the available balance in the account.

However, one will not be able to deposit money into his/her account with Paytm Payments Bank. No credits or deposits other than interest, cashbacks, sweep-in from partner banks or refunds are allowed to be credited. After March 15, 2024, customers will not be able to receive any credits into their account with Paytm Payments Bank. If customers have a wallet with Paytm Payments Bank, they can continue to use, withdraw or transfer to another wallet or bank account up to the balance available in the wallet.

The central bank clarified that after March 15, 2024, customers will not be able to top-up or transfer money into the wallet or receive any credits, other than cashbacks, or refunds into this wallet.

Meanwhile, Paytm said its QR, soundbox and card machines will continue to work as always even beyond March 15. Paytm said if users receipt and transfer of funds is linked to any bank account other than Paytm Payments Bank, they can continue to use the arrangement even after March 15, 2024.

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Reserve Bank of India

What's in store

- Shift of the nodal account to Axis Bank will ensure seamless merchant settlements as before, says Paytm
- RBI says nodal accounts of One97 Comm, Paytm Payments Services maintained by PPBL to be terminated at the earliest
- Users can continue to use debit cards to withdraw/transfer funds up to the available balance
- Customer will not be able to deposit money into their account with Paytm Payments Bank

Nutraceuticals, probiotics may see stricter norms

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

CONCERNED with unsupervised consumption and overpricing of nutraceuticals/probiotics/food for special medical purpose/food for special dietary use, the health ministry is planning to bring them under the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), highly-placed sources told TNIE. These items currently come under the purview of Foods Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

As per sources, the Ministry has also proposed forming a committee chaired by the Secretary of Health to address overlapping concerns between Nutraceuticals and Drugs. The committee would have representatives from various key entities such as FSSAI, CDSCO, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Ministry of Ayush, and the Department of Pharmaceuticals.

Health Ministry has flagged the dual licensing of probiotics as both drugs and probiotic foods under the purview of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Of particular concern are the health claims associated with probiotic products, such as women's health gummies, which purport to address recurrent UTIs, reduce bacterial growth, and support urinary tract health.

According to health ministry officials, there are risks associated with prolonged and high-dosage usage of such products, given the absence of mandatory medical supervision under Nutra Regulations. Also absence of price controls for nutraceuticals is also a major concern.

A top source also said that no price controls are currently in place for nutraceuticals. "This regulatory gap has led to instances where certain products have been shifted from the medicine to the dietary supplement category, resulting in significant price differentials," a top source told TNIE.

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), which operates under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, is responsible for regulating the prices of pharmaceutical drugs and ensuring that they are affordable and accessible to the general public.

The sources also highlighted the alarming trend of disease management claims made for supplements, leading to potential unsupervised consumption and health risks. Renochlor, a health supplement, has been singled out for its promises to arrest kidney decline in the early stages of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progression, alongside claims of reducing microalbuminuria, oxidative stress, and enhancing eGH levels.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

SLIPS TO THE WORLD'S FOURTH-LARGEST ECONOMY

Japan has slipped to the world's fourth-largest economy. It has fallen behind the US, China, and now Germany, as per the government data. This shift highlights the gradual fall in Japan's competitiveness and productivity, exacerbated by its ageing population and falling birth rate. Previously the second-largest economy behind the US, Japan fell to the third-largest in 2010 as China's economy expanded. Japan's nominal GDP totalled $4.2 trillion last year, while Germany's was slightly higher at $4.4 trillion or $4.5 trillion, depending on the currency conversion. The IMF had forecasted Japan's fall to the fourth place. The comparison among nations' economies is based on nominal GDP and measured in dollar terms. Japan's economy contracted at an annual rate of 0.4% and 0.1% in the latest October-December quarter from the previous quarter, according to Cabinet Office data on real GDP.

SINGAPORE

2023 GDP GROWTH REVISED DOWN MARGINALLY TO 1.1%

The economy of grew 1.1% in 2023, revised down marginally from the January advance estimate of 1.2%, according to the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) data showed on Thursday. It fell from the 2022 full-year growth figure of 3.8%. The downward revision came as fourth quarter gross domestic product (GDP) growth was revised down to 2.2% year on year, lower than the advance estimate of 2.8%, but still marking an acceleration from the third quarter's 1% expansion. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally adjusted basis, the economy expanded by 1.2 per cent in Q4, picking up slightly from 1 per cent in Q3. This was also down from the advance estimate of 1.7%. MTI kept its 2024 growth forecast range unchanged at 1 to 3 per cent, noting that the external demand outlook has remained mostly unchanged since its last economic survey in November last year.

SRI LANKA

INFLATION LIKELY TO HIT 5% IN MEDIUM TERM

Inflation in Sri Lanka is expected to the targeted 5% in the medium term as the island nation's economy stabilises from a crippling financial crisis, a monetary policy report released by the central bank said on Thursday. The country's economy is seeing glimmers of recovery, helped by a $2.9 billion International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme, after it went into freefall in 2022 because of a severe foreign exchange shortage. At the start of 2024, Sri Lanka raised its value added tax (VAT) to 18% from 15% to meet revenue targets under the IMF programme sparking a renewed rise in its key inflation rate, which rose to 6.4% at the end of last month from 4% in December. Inflation in the country is expected to be short-lived on account of return of economic stability.

Ajay Singh, Busy Bee Airways submit bid to acquire grounded Go First

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AJAY SINGH, Chairman and managing director of SpiceJet, and Busy Bee Airways have jointly submitted a bid for grounded airline GoFirst on Friday (Feb 16, 2024).

The bid has been submitted by Singh in his personal capacity along with Busy Bee Airways, a Delhi-based non-scheduled air transport operator. Pran Sathiadasan, a Director of Busy Bee Airways, is also Director of commercial ops, South East Asia at flydubai.

Jaideep Mirchandani's UAE-based Sky One has also submitted a bid for Go First. The submission of two bids comes days after the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) extended deadline for completion of corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) of beleaguered Go First by 60 days.

Singh's bid to acquire another low-cost carrier (Go First) is expected to draw eyeballs as the businessman and his loss-making airline is involved in multiple legal disputes with the former promoter, creditors and lessors over non-payment of dues. It is facing difficulties in raising funds to overcome operational challenges and expedite its growth plans. The airline recently trimmed its workforce by 15% amid delays in salary, PF & TDS payment of employees.

"Singh had earlier submitted a bid for Air India and now he is going after Go First. It is difficult to understand how would he finance such a big acquisitions given his airline is loaded with debt," said an aviation industry analyst requesting anonymity. SpiceJet said it is in the midst of a revival plan, having completed the first tranche of ₹744 crore, with additional subscriptions pending regulatory approval. It has initiated the process to raise an additional ₹1,000 crore.

Singh said, "I firmly believe GoFirst holds immense potential and can be revitalised to work in synergy with SpiceJet, benefiting both carriers. Apart from coveted slots at domestic and international airports, international traffic rights, and an order for over 100 Airbus Neo planes, GoFirst is a trusted and valued brand among flyers."

Akasa Air goes global, adds Doha to network

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN less than two years after commencing operations, Akasa Air will start flying on international sectors. The low-cost carrier on Friday announced international operations with the addition of Doha, capital of Qatar, as the first international destination to its growing network.

Starting 28 March 2024, Akasa will operate four non-stop flights a week, connecting Mumbai with Doha, with return fares starting at ₹29,012. With this, Akasa becomes the first Indian airline to fly overseas in a record period of 19 months since its inception.

Vinay Dube, founder and CEO, Akasa Air said, "We are proud of our remarkable growth since inception, which is a testimony of the sheer potential of the Indian aviation industry. Our foray into Qatar marks the next phase of growth as we continue our journey towards becoming one of the world's top 30 airlines."

EXPRESS READ

'Crypto currencies have no underlying value'

NEW DELHI: Crypto currencies can't be referred to as 'currencies' as they have no underlying value, a central bank official said. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been critical of new-age currencies like bitcoins, saying they pose systemic risk to the financial systems. Ultimately it is a call that the government has to take on how to tackle crypto currencies, the official said. *ENS*

Royal Enfield partners K-Rides Motosiklet

NEW DELHI: Royal Enfield on Friday announced its foray into Turkish market via a distribution partnership with K-Rides Motosiklet ve Bisiklet San. ve Tic. A.S., a subsidiary of Kibar Holding. K-Rides Motosiklet ve Bisiklet San. ve Tic. A.S. will be the official distributor partner in Turkiye. The first flagship store is set to open in Istanbul this spring, Royal Enfield said. *ENS*

EARNINGS

Fertilizer maker SPIC's net profit declines by 45%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

AGRI-input and fertilizer company Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation's (SPIC) profit nearly halves to ₹46 crore in the December quarter, dropping 45.37% from ₹85 crore in the same period last year.

Earnings per share for the quarter stood at ₹1.53 from ₹4.04 in the corresponding period last year. During the current quarter, the company registered an income of ₹520 crores, a 20% decline of as compared to an income of ₹707 crore.

The company's revenue from operations at ₹506 crore was about 27% less than the corresponding quarter of FY 23 at ₹699 crore.

The company highlighted persistent challenges, including raw material and price volatility in global fertilizer markets.

Moving towards natural gas usage will rationalize input costs, Ashwin Muthiah, Chairman of SPIC said. "We remain committed to ESG initiatives for environment-friendly production and aligned with the government's 'One Nation One Fertilizer' mandate, empowering Indian farmers."

The results show a dip due to global raw material price increases and the recent natural calamity, he added.

ADANI SOLAR PARTNERS WITH WATTKRAFT ENERGY SOLUTIONS TO EXPAND RETAIL DISTRIBUTION IN KARNATAKA

Bengaluru: Adani Solar entered into a partnership with Wattkraft Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd., marking a significant step in expanding its retail distribution network in Karnataka, solidifying its presence in over 3,500 towns nationwide with cutting-edge solar panels. At the recent Channel partner launch event, Adani Solar unveiled its groundbreaking TOPCon PV module, setting new standards in efficiency and performance compared to traditional PERC modules. Boasting an impressive 22.3% efficiency and eligibility for government subsidies, Adani Solar reaffirms its position as a leader in solar technology. The event, attended by Adani Solar's national sales and marketing head Cecil Augustine and regional manager Prashanth Byndoor, underscored Adani's commitment to innovation and sustainability.

DoT starts releasing PLI funds, pays ₹28 cr to Tejas

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Department of Telecommunication (DoT) has begun releasing funds to companies participating in the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for telecom and network products.

About ₹27.78 crore was released to Tata Group-backed Tejas Network on Thursday. As per DoT officials, the government plans to allocate about ₹350 crore in the second year to companies like Nokia, Jabil, HFCL, and VVDN that have opted for the scheme. "The DoT has started releasing funds," said an official. "This year, the government will disburse around ₹350 crore to companies availing the PLI scheme."

Launched in 2021 with an outlay of ₹12,195 crore, the scheme aims to promote domestic manufacturing of telecom and networking products in India. In April 2022, the scheme was amended to incentivise design-led manufacturing with an additional 1% incentive. Currently, 42 companies, including 28 MSMEs, have received government approval under the scheme for telecom and networking products. Of these, 17 firms have applied for additional 1% incentive under design-led manufacturing criteria.

As per the DoT, these 42 companies have committed investments of ₹4,115 crore, which is projected to generate additional sales of ₹2.45 lakh crore and create over 44,000 new jobs over the scheme period. As per the scheme guidelines, the quantum of incentives in each year is based on the company's incremental net sales of approved products under the scheme compared to the net eligible sales in the baseline year (2019-20). Tejas Network said they had received 85% of their total claim for FY23, with the remaining 15% expected to be released later in accordance with the PLI scheme guidelines.

"We thank the Empowered Committee for PLI scheme, DoT, and SIDBI for approving our incentive application for FY23," said Anand Athreya, CEO and MD of Tejas Networks. "The Government of India's design-linked PLI is an excellent scheme that has boosted indigenous telecom R&D and manufacturing by kickstarting a virtuous cycle of domestic innovation in this sector."

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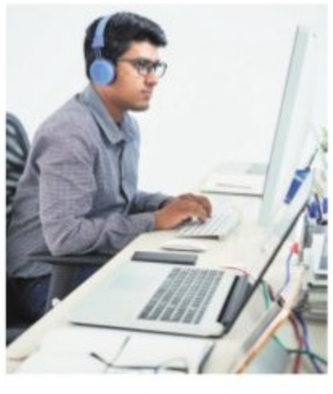
Tech sector to grow 3.8% to $253.9 bn, to generate 60K jobs in FY24: Nasscom



ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

TECHNOLOGY industry has crossed $250 billion revenue with an addition of $9.3 billion incremental revenue in the current fiscal and it is growing at 3.8%, according to nasscom, which released the key findings of the 'Strategic Review 2024: Rewiring Growth in the Changing Tech Landscape' on Friday.

The industry will create 60,000 new jobs in FY24, taking the total number of employees to 5.43 million.

It said with nearly 50% slide in tech spending and 6% fall in tech contracts in 2023 globally, the industry in India, similar to global markets, is currently navigating a tough terrain.

However, sub-sectors such as GCC (global capability centres) and ER&D (Engineering, Research and Development) emerged as growth hotspots.

The ER&D sector alone contributed 48% to the total export revenue addition in FY2024, nasscom said. GCCs continue to invest in India, and the industry saw an addition of 53 new GCCs in 2023.

Rajesh Nambiar, Chairperson, nasscom, said, "While headwinds like global economic slowdown, inflation, recessionary fears, and geo-political conflicts continue to pose challenges, we are confident the industry will bounce back. With digital tech spending expected to grow in 2024, we will witness emergence of alternative demand sources, customer retention, faster go-to-market strategies in newer markets for enterprises."

CEOs expect technology spending to rise in 2024. Industries like Hi-Tech, BFSI and TMT (technology, media and telecom) that underperformed in 2023 will likely improve in 2024, the report said.

With the advent of Generative AI, firms are expanding their portfolios, and CY23 saw 2.7X growth over CY22 in AI-related activity. Between 2023 and 2024, over 6.5 lakh employees are being trained in Gen AI skills.

Over two-third of respondents expect better revenue growth in FY25, driven by factors such as strong deal pipelines leading to project implementation, expansion in GCCs, AI accelerating from proof of concept to production and increasing discretionary spending.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan

IFT No.11/2023-24, Dated: 14.02.2024

Short term tenders are invited from eligible Agencies in two cover system through KPPP portal of GOK (website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for HASSAN District works as per SBD-KW-3 & 4, Maximum estimated amount is Rs.150.00 lakhs & Minimum estimated amount is Rs.100.00 lakhs.The last date of receipt of tender is 22-02-2024 upto 5.00 PM hours. Further detail can be had from KPPP portal and the above office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan.

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೦ಇ/ಹಿಸನ/ಹಾಸನ/793/ಕೆಎಸ್.ಎಂಸಿಎ/792/2023–24

Government of Karnataka

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Office of the Regional Transport Officer, Rajajinagar, Bangalore (west),

NO.RTO/BNG(W)/23-24 Date: 15-02-2024

e-Tender Notification

Tender is invited by Regional Transport officer, Bangalore (West) through e-procurement portal from the eligible firms for providing House Keeping and Security Works to Regional Transport Office, Bangalore (West), which is working at BBMP Shoping complex, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. Interested firms can obtain details through On-line at e-Procurement website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Tenderers may take assistance from e-procurement help desk at 080-46010000/6894777.

Tender no. TD/2023-24/SE0036 and TD/2023-24/SE0037.

Last date for Submission of Quotation through On-line is: **29.02.2024 up to 4.00 p.m.**

For clarifications please contact: 080-23324388.

Sd/-
Regional Transport Officer, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru (west)

DIPR/CP/3635/2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. EE(E)/MWD/AEE-1/TKR/2023-24/5899-903 Date: 14.02.2024

PUBLIC AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

Newly Constructed 66kV LILO line from existing 66KV Madhugiri-Holavanahalli-Koratagere (Koratagere-1) line to the proposed 2x8MVA 66/11KV Byrenahalli (Tumbadi) Substation for a distance of 4.506Kms using Coyote ACSR conductor passing through Pemmedevarahalli and Byrenahalli villages of Kasaba Hobli, Koratagee Taluk, Tumakuru district will be energized on or after **25.02.2024.**

Hence, hereby intimating that the public should not climb towers, not to throw any metal piece/wire, tree branches etc ., towards transmission line conductor, not to tie the cow, buffaloes and other animals to the towers and not to construct any shed, house or building beneath the corridor of 66KV LILO line. If any accident occurs due to negligence of public by doing above said activities, KPTCL will not be responsible.

Sd/- **Exective Engineer (Ele), Major Works Division, KPTCL, Kothithopu, Tumakuru.**

SOUTH INDIAN Bank CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017

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E-mail: ro1010@sib.co.in.
Website: www.southindianbank.com

[See rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 05-12-2023 U/s.13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrower/s **(1) Mr. Jagadesh Babu Vattikutti,** # 27, 1st Floor, Kavyasree Nilaya, 4th Cross, B- Sector, Ramaiah Reddy Colony, Basavanagar, Marathahalli Colony, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka - 560037. Also at- No 5, Ramaiah Reddy Colony A sector, Basavanagar, Vibhuthipura, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore 560037. **(2) Mrs. Jayashree,** # 27, 1st Floor, Kavyasree Nilaya, 4th Cross, B-Sector, Ramaiah Reddy Colony, Basavanagar, Marathahalli Colony, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka - 560037. Also at - No 5, Ramaiah Reddy Colony A sector, Basavanagar, Vibhuthipura, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore 560037. **(3) Mr. T. Anjaneya Reddy,** # 27, 1st Floor, Kavyasree Nilaya, 4th Cross, B- Sector, Ramaiah Reddy Colony, Basavanagar, Marathahalli Colony, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka -560037. Also at- S/o T Mopiri Reddy, Mitta Palli, Alapalie, Baireddipalle, Chitoor, Andhra Pradesh - 517415. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,49,18,094.63 (Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakh Eighteen Thousand Ninety Four and paise sixty three Only)** as on **04-12-2023** and with further interest, penal interest and costs, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on this the **16th day of February 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The South Indian Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.**1,52,88,244.63 as on 15.02.2024** in the Account – Mr. Jagadesh Babu Vattikutti with Marathahalli Branch along with further interest, penal interest and costs thereon.

The attention of Borrowers are invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Sarfaesi Act, 2002 entitling you to redeem the property prior to publication of Notice of Sale.

SCHEDULE: (Immovable properties secured to the account)
Description of Immovable Properties

All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 1140Sq.Ft along with building bearing Site No. 4, Old HASB Kata No. 125/3, Later HASB Katha No. 125/3-D, formed in Property No. 189/4, new BBMP Khata No. 125/3-4-5/1, PID No. 83-371-125/3-4-5/1, situated at 6th "F" Cross, Kaggadasapura, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under limits of BBMP Bangalore and owned by Mr. Jagadesh Babu V, more fully described in Sale Deed No. 1517/2018-19 dated 14-05-2018 of SRO, K R Pura, Bangalore and bounded on, North: Private Property East: House Site No. 5 South: 25 ft. Wide Road West: House Site No. 3 Security Interest created by : Mr. Jagadesh Babu. V.

Date : 16.02.2024 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The South Indian Bank Ltd.**

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ

ಫೋ:–(0836)2213838 **Email:** eedharwad@gmail.com

ನಂ.ಎಚ್.ಡಿಎಂಪಿ/66/07/02/2023–24

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸನ್ 2022–23 ಹಾಗೂ 2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ, 14ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಅನುದಾನ, ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಮುಕ್ತ ನಿಧಿ ಅನುದಾನ (ಎಸ್ಸಿಎಸ್ಪಿ/ಟಿಎಸ್ಪಿ/7.25%) ಹಾಗೂ ಮಲೆನಾಡು ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/CPWD/ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, 2ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಇ.ಎಂ : **(1)** 10410 (Gen), **(2)** 6533 (Gen), **(3)** 6613 (Gen), **(4)** 6467 (Gen), **(5)** 4214 (Gen), **(6)** 6445 (Gen), **(7)**1073 (Gen), **(8)** 1340 (Gen), **(9)** 3831(Gen), **(10)** 1116 (Gen), **(11)** 1056(Gen), **(12)** 10411 (Gen), **(13)** 4391(Gen), **(14)**12614 (Gen), **(15)**12621(Gen), **(16)** 4303 (Gen), **(17)**12553(Gen), **(18)** 2217 (Gen), **(19)** 4377 (Gen), **(20)** 9744 (ST), **(21)**1882 (Gen), **(22)**13412 (Gen), **(23)** 0524 (Gen), **(24)** 6464 (Gen), **(25)**15064 (Gen), **(26)**14399 (Gen), **(27)**10159 (ST), **(28)**1337 (Gen), **(29)** 6899(Gen), **(30)**15152 (Gen).

ಒಟ್ಟು 30 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 971.40 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:15/02/2024 (ಅ.ನಂ. 1 ರಿಂದ 30) ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836–2213838 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (1 ರಿಂದ 26) : (1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **04/03/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 05.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** (2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **05/03/2024 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಗಂಟೆ**

ಅ ನಂ. 26 ರಿಂದ 30 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ : (1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **22/02/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 05.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** (2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **23/02/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ** (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **26/02/2024 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಗಂಟೆ**

ಸಹಿ/–
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ,
ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ./ಧಾರವಾಡ/797/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ/2023–24.

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Sl.No./TMC/BLH/CR/Tender/2023-24 Date: 14.02.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notification

The Chief Officer Town Municipal Council, Bailhongal invites tenders of Development of Bailhongal Lake DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT5456/call-3 One work under the scheme of Lake Development Fund Rs.52.73 lakhs Item wise tenders are invited in KW-3 Model. Eligible registered Contractors can participate in the tender though public work department licence holder. Further Details may be obtained from the technical branch of this office. For further details visit online Website:http://www.bailhongalatown. mrc.gov.in & https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in The details of the time table of tenders are as follows Tender Form Downloading Date:14-02-2024, Last Date for Submission of Tender 20-02-2024 upto 05.30 pm, Opening Date of Technical bid 22-02-2024 upto 11.00 am and Opening Date of Financial bid 23-02-2024 upto 11.00 am in the office of Town Municipal Council, Bailhongal.

Sd/-Chief Officer TMC Bailhongal

Sd/-Administrative Officer & Assistant Commissioner Sub-Division, Bailhongal

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1149/KSMCA/2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited for the procurement of the following materials under "GOODS" category on 07.02.2024 & 08.02.2024 as per RTPS requirements through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** : (1) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0847, **Ash handling spares for AHP-2 of RTPS.** EMD: **Rs. 60,000/-.** (2) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0848, **Polyster bag filter and cages for AHP-2 of RTPS.** EMD: **Rs. 12,200/-.** (3) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0850, **APH Seals and spares for Unit-2 air preheaters for BM-1 of RTPS.** EMD: **Rs. 21,200/-.** (4) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0842, **Spares for ingersoll Rand Screw Compressor.** EMD: **Rs. 19,600/-.** (5) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0508/CALL-3, **Boiler Fill Pump.** EMD: **Rs. 7,320/-.** (6) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0843, **600MM Belt width Idlers for MM-2 of RTPS.** EMD: **Rs. 16,500/-.** (7) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0844, **Discharge & Suction adapters for AHP-2 of RTPS.** EMD: **Rs. 18,210/-.** (8) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0845, **Spares for Cooling water pumps for AHP-1 of RTPS.** EMD: **Rs. 2,550/-.** (9) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0504/CALL-3, **Hydraulic Jack.** EMD: **Rs. 1,240/-.** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **24.02.2024, 16.00 Hrs for Sl.No. (1) to (6), (8), 24.02.2024, 16.30 Hrs for Sl.No. (9) and 19.02.2024, 16.00 Hrs for Sl.No. (7)** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Purchase) RTPS,** KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur, Cell: **9449597966,** e-mail: **eeprtps@gmail.com**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

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ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಇಂಗಃಲೋಇಃಪಿಬಿ–1:2023–24:4954 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 16/2/2024

ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪತ್ರ ನಂ: 4689 ದಿನಾಂಕ : **03–02–2024** ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ (ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 666– ಎಸ್ ಸಿ ರ ಬದಲಾಗಿ 8612–ಎಸ್ ಸಿ , 8316–ಎಸ್ ಸಿ ರ ಬದಲಾಗಿ 8361– ಎಸ್ ಸಿ , 8360 ರ ಬದಲಾಗಿ 8620, 667 ರ ಬದಲಾಗಿ 8609, ಮತ್ತು 8363 ರ ಬದಲಾಗಿ 8622) ಎಂದು ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವದು ಮತ್ತು ಉಳಿದ ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ 8349, 8354, 8350–ಎಸ್‌ಟಿ, 8356 ಹಾಗೂ 8362–ಎಸ್‌ಟಿ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇರುವದಿಲ್ಲ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ.

ಮೊದಲಿನ ದಿನಾಂಕ : ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಪಶ್ನೋತ್ತರ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **15–02–2024** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **16–02–2024** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **17–02–2024** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **19–02–2024**

ಮರು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **20–02–2024** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **21–02–2024** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **21–02–2024**

ಸೂಚನೆ : ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಆಸಕ್ತಿವುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ದಿನಾಂಕ : **19/02/2024** ರಂದು ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 11:30 ಕ್ಕೆ ಲೋ.ಇ ಗದಗ ವಿಭಾಗ ಗದಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿ ಸಂಚಾರಿ ಗಣತಿಯ ಸಾಮರ್ಗಿ/ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದ "ಡೆಮೊ"ವನ್ನು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ, ಗದಗ

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೦ಇ/ಗದಗ/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/544/2023–24

UNION BANK OF INDIA

HSR LAYOUT BRANCH
No. 1674, 27th Main, Sector 2,
HSR Layout, Bangalore

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) RULE 6 (2)/8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Borrower:
Mr. B.K. Rajakumar
Address: No. 1488, House No. 31, Chamundeswari Nagar Road, Behind Canara Bank, Begur, Bengaluru.

Co-Obligants / Guarantors:
Smt. D. Hemavathy W/o B K Rajakumar
Address: No. 1488, House No. 31, Chamundeswari Nagar Road, Behind Canara Bank, Begur, Bengaluru.

Sale of property belonging to Mr. B.K. Rajakumar and Mrs. D. Hemavathy, for realization of amount due to Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Union Bank of India, (HSR LAYOUT BRANCH) No. 1674, 27th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated **04.09.2022** under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 6 / 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **17.12.2022** (Furnish the date of Possession)

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after **30 days** from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in Sec. 13(8) of the Act.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of Residential House No. 1488 admeasuring 58x20 Sq.Ft. bearing Khatha No. 298, located at Chamundeswari Nagar Road, Begur Village, Pincode 560068, property owned by Mr. B.K. Rajakumar, bounded on the **East by:** Private property; **West by:** 30 Ft. Road; **North by:** Site No 30; **South by:** Southern portion of the property.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 30.01.2024 **Union Bank of India**

Government of Karnataka

Shivamogga Forest Division, Shivamogga

No.: B1/BGT/Tender/CR-25/2023-24 Date: 07.02.2024

e-Tender Notice (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Short-Term e-Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 from interested Forest contractors registered in Forest Division as Forest Contractors for the year 2023-24 and having experience of advance works in the Forest Department and having experience of having carried out similar works as put to tender and having their own Sapling Nursery in the zone where works have to be carried out, for carrying out works of forming of plantations by growing saplings, Maintenance of Plantations & Maintenance of Saplings in forest areas coming in the limits of various zones of Shivamogga forest Division under Head of Account 2406-04-103-1-04-NPV-Forest Land-140-Minor Works (CAMPA) for the year 2024-25. Last date for submitting tenders for the said works is fixed on 22.02.2024 up to 4.00 PM. For further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details of the Tender can be obtained through the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.133/02/ksmca/23-24/1289

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(A Government of India Undertaking)

Fortune Syndicate

Shanthi Nagar Branch : No. 50, K H Road, Shantinagar, Bangalore 560027.
Ph No. 22220347, 22223721, Email: cb0681@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,
Borrower : 1. Sri. Ravishankar Prasad,
2. Smt. Rashmi Kumari W/o Ravishankar Prasad
Both are at : No. 271, Flat No. 5, 4th Cross,
A T Halli, Shantinagar, Bengalulu - 560027.

That you, **Sri. Ravishankar Prasad and Smt. Rashmi Kumari,** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed Credit Facility against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our **Shanthi Nagar Branch.**

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on **02.02.2024.** The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Post. Ack. Due on **03/02/2024** was not acknowledged by you.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs. 47, 36,237/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Rupees only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan	Liability with interest as on date 02.02.2024	RATE OF INTEREST (Inclusive of penal interest)
1.	0681619000227	Housing Loan	Rs. 47,36,237/-	10.75 %

Details of Security Assets : Immovable : Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of the three storied house built on site measuring (45+40) / 2x60 ft bearing no. 11/1, Savitha Sadan, 5th Cross, Laxmi Road (Previously known as Swasthi Main Road), Shantinagar, Bangalore – 560027, with total built up area of about 5800 Sqft each floor consisting of 3 to 4 bedrooms bearing BBMP PID No. 70-54-11/1, (New PID No. 117-wo 115-39) and bounded on: **East By :** Road, **West By :** House No. 11/2, **North By :** Road and **South By :** House belongs to Sri. V S Khanolkar.

Schedule 'B' Property: The First Floor portion of three storied house built on site measuring (45+40)/2x60 ft bearing No. 11/1, Savitha Sadan, 5th Cross, Laxmi Road (Previously known as Swasthi Main Road), Shantinagar, Bangalore – 560027, with a total built up area about 5800 sqft the first floor having a built up area of about 1900 sqft including on the North East entrance side of the building measuring 19'x 8.3' of the building along with undivided 1/3rd Share of the title on the land bearing BBMP PID No. 70-54-11/1-1.

Name of the Title Holder : Sri. Ravishankar Prasad.

Place : Bangalore Authorised Officer
Date : 16.02.2024 Canara Bank

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Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs. 46, 41,995.72 (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five and Paisa Seventy Two only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan	Liability with interest as on date 02.02.2024	RATE OF INTEREST (Inclusive of penal interest)
1.	0681619000226	Housing Loan	Rs. 46,41,995.72	10.75 %

Details of Security Assets : Immovable : Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of the three storied house built on site measuring (45+40) / 2*60 ft bearing no. 11/1, Savitha Sadan, 5th Cross, Laxmi Road (Previously known as Swasthi Main Road), Shantinagar, Bangalore – 560027, with total built up area of about 5800 Sqft each floor consisting of 3 to 4 bedrooms bearing BBMP PID No. 70-54-11/1, (New PID No. 117 wo 115-39) and bounded on: **East By :** Road, **West By :** House No. 11/2, **North By :** Road and **South By :** House belongs to Sri. V S Khanolkar.

Schedule 'B' Property: The Ground Floor portion of three storied house built on site measuring (45+40)/2*60 ft bearing No. 11/1, Savitha Sadan, 5th Cross, Laxmi Road (Previously known as Swasthi Main Road), Shantinagar, Bangalore – 560027, with a total built up area about 5800 sqft the ground floor having a built up area of about 1600 sqft including covered garage on the south eastern side measuring 17.5' * 9' of the building along with undivided 1/3rd Share of the title on the land bearing BBMP PID No. 70-54-11/1-1, (New PID No. 117-wo115-39). **Name of the Title Holder : Sri. Ravishankar Prasad.**

Place : Bangalore Authorised Officer
Date : 16.02.2024 Canara Bank

BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN (P) LIMITED

(Wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India)
P.O.: RBNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur Dt., West Bengal.
Phone No.: 03227-280176 / 280317; Fax No.:03227-280744 / 280222

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Bids are invited under Two-Part bidding system for the following e-Tenders through MSTC Portal:-

1. **SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF IP CCTV SYSTEM AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/SALBONI PRESS/MMD/32/23-24/ET/51 [SITC OF IPCCTV SYSTEM]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 021/SAL/MMD-MAINT/2023-24; [ESTIMATED COST – ₹2000.00 LAKH]**

Last date of tender submission – **19.04.2024 by 11:00 Hrs.** For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit website **www.mstcecommerce.com**. Tender details are also available at our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in**. Further extension or amendment/s, if any, shall be uploaded on the above websites.

Senior General Manager

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited for the following works through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** : (1) No. KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT1230, Dated: 14.02.2024 for **Providing and installation/replacement of SS casing, SS control cone, SS side cover, bearing support & cover for vacuum pumps (Model/size: 140, Capacity: 2800 m3/hr) for U#1 of Ash handling system(1x500MW).** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 25,68,588/-.** EMD: **Rs. 51,400/-.** **(2)** No. KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT1232, Dated: 14.02.2024 for **Casting/machining of clinker grinder gear box and fluid coupling (Model/size: 370DFC & S-180-2T) for U#1 of Ash handling system (1x500 MW).** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 11,95,965/-.** EMD: **Rs. 29,900/-.** (3) No. KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT1234, Dated: 14.02.2024 for **Reconditioning of Ash Slurry Clinker Grinder Rollers with Sleeve fitting of Unit-1 Ash Handling System.** Total tender Amount: **Rs. 90,270/-.** EMD: **Rs. 2,260/-.** (4) No. KPCL/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT1114/CALL-2, Dated: 15.02.2024 for **HT/LT cable la

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Babu Reddy .A**, aged about 50 years, S/o K.M. Abbaiah Reddy, residing at No. 16/2, Ambalipura, Bellandur Gate, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103. represents to me that the original Khata issued by BDA in the name of Babu Reedy A in respect of residential site bearing No 60 I, carved out of Sy. No 51/1, situated at Haralur village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, in the residential layout known as "Reliaable Lifestyle", has been lost at Bellandur Gate, Bangalore on 10/01/2024. In spite of best efforts the same could not be found out. In this regard my client has lodged a complaint in the jurisdictional police station. Hence the public are hereby notified that if anyone is in possession of the said original document or any claims in respect of above said property the same may be handover/intimate to the undersigned **within 10 (Ten) days** from the date of this public notice.

BASAVARAJU .H, Advocate
A & B LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 2720, 12th Main, 4th Block
Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.
Mob : 9611988555.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. GEM/2024/B/4607869
Dated: 09-02-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

For all Parcel handling activities of loading, unloading and shifting of Parcels/Luggage booked by Railways i.e non-leased parcels from various Platforms to Parcel Office and vice-versa by employing dedicated staff for working exclusively in the inward and outword Parcel Office of KSR Bengaluru city (SBC) Yesvantpur (YPR) Sri M Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru (SMVB) & Yelahanka (YNK) Railway Station for approximate tonnage of 68255 tons for a period of 01 year.

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 13:00 Hrs. on 23-02-2024

For details log on : https://gem.gov.in

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
PUB/691/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Bengaluru**

South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE U R RAO SATELLITE CENTRE

HAL Airport Road, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore - 560 017
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
(Phone : 080 25084168, 4175, 4169) (Fax:080 25084155)

BRIEF CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-I

1. On behalf of President of India, item rate tender is invited for the following work.

Description	Details
Name of work	Replacement of existing heavy duty Sliding Door with light weight motorized Double skinned PUF door between Airlock room & MID lab at Main Campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bangalore-560017.
E-Tender Notice	URSC/C and MG/ACMD/0031/ETN-08/2023-24 Dt.23.01.2024
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 12.43 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	E-Tender
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	03 months / 90 days
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended upto 16:30 Hrs. on 26.02.2024
Bid clarification	Extended upto 17:00 Hrs. on 27.02.2024
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification.	Upto 17.00hrs on 28.02.2024
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Upto 14:30 Hrs. on 06.03.2024
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	After 15:00 Hrs. on 06.03.2024
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.24,860/- (Valid for 180 days)**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

Sd/- Group Director (Construction & Maintenance Group)

SRI DURGA MALLESWARA SWAMY VARLA DEVASTHANAM

INDRAKEELADRI, VIJAYAWADA-520001. Toll Free No.18004259099
Sealed Tender, e-Tender & Public Auction Rc.No:C1/5673/2023, Dt.16-02-2024
Human Hair - TENDER NOTIFICATION (6th Call)

Licence rights for collection of Human Hair offered by the Devotees in Kesakhandana-sala for the period of two years i.e., 01-02-2024 to 31-01-2026. Auction will be conducted on 26-02-2024 at 11:00 AM at Mahamandapam 6th floor. For other details please visit http://ap.eprocurement.gov.in or contact: 9640595555, 8639464333.

For Arjitha Sevas, Paroksha Sevas and Donations Visit https://kanakadurgamma.org

Karnati Rambabu, Trust Board Chairman Sd/- **K.S. Ramarao**, Deputy Collector & Executive Officer

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/AEE(C)/23-24/CYS-98 Date:14.02.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Manual mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bid against this enquiry **No.SEE/AEE(C)/Trans/W&M/DVG/23-24/CYS-98 Dated 14.02.2024** for the works coming in the Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere. The detailed notification regarding the works called through manual mode can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on or after **17.02.2024** during working hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec).,
Transmission (W & M) Circle, KPTCL,
Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere.

Administrative medical officer, General hospital Arakalagud. Hassan dist 573102

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender were invitied through e-procurement to supply of 09 NON CLINICAL and 14 D GROUP outsourced services to to General Hospital Arakalagud Hassan dist (100 beded Hospital) For 2024-25 (one Year period) Wide Tender notification DHFWS2023/24SEO531 dated 12/02/2024. Tender Registrations can be submitted from 12/02/2024.deadline For submission for tender registration is 4.30 pm on 28/02/2024 More details willbe at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/-Administrative medical officer General hospital Arakalagud. Hassan dist 573102

ಪಾಸಾಪಂ/ಹಿಂಪಸ/ಪಾಪಸ/790/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಎ/798/2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE I & II
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2023-24/SE0089 **Date: 15.02.2024**

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Portal 2.0 Only)

e-Tenders are invited through GoK KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from the reputed agencies with proven track records for the work of **Hiring one number of bolero or equivalent vehicle of model 2021 and above, 2500 Kms monthly run 12 Hours X 7days basis for a period of two years for EE Gates Kali Division and SO Kadra office duties.** Tender Amount: **Rs. 15,67,200/-.** EMD: **Rs. 39,180/-.** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: **01.03.2024, 17:00Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Gates) Kali, KPCL, Kadra, Karwar Taluk, North Kanara District - 581396.** Mobile No.: **91416 11350.** E-mail: **eegateskali@gmail.com,** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/23-24/5581-84 Date: 16.02.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL invites bids under Enquiry no: KPTCL/SEE/T(W&M)/EEE(O)/AE-3/MYS/2023-24/REPL/11 for **"Replacement of 1X6.3MVA by 1X12.5MVA Power Transformer at Bommalapura 66/11kV Substation in Gundlupet Taluk & Chamarajanagara District on PTK Basis.**

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "**E Procurement KPTCL**" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **19.02.2024.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Transmission (W&M) Circle,
KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound,
N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570007. Ph: 0821-2455018.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that, the sale agreement dated: 01.07.2020 entered between my clients **Sri. K.B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY** and his wife **Smt. B.V. VEENA** with **Sri. T. NARAYANA,** S/o. Late Thimmaiah, R/at Shanubhoganahalli Village, Bannerghatta Post, Bangalore-560083, for sale of below mentioned schedule property has been stands cancelled by my clients vide legal notice dated: 26/12/2023 through their counsel.

In view of the cancellation of the sale agreement under the aforesaid notice dated: 26/12/2023, Sri. T. Narayana had lost his right to claim an Agreement holder and as such the public are hereby informed that the said T. Narayana is no way concerned to the schedule property. Hence the public are hereby informed not to make any transactions with the said T. Narayana. Inspite of this publication, any person/s entered into any transactions with Sri. T. Narayana shall do their own cost, risk and responsibility and my clients are no way responsible for such transactions & the same are not binding on them also.

SCHEDULE

Portion of land in **Sy No.16** of **Kannanayakana Agrahara, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist.**measuring 2 (Two) Acres (Out of 7 Acres) and bounded on:

East by : Halla,
West by : Vendee's Property,
North by : Private Property,
South by : R. Thimmaiah's Property,

(A.N. Krishna), Advocate,
#7, 2nd Floor, B.R. Ramu Building,
Diagonal Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560004.
Bengaluru Date : 16-02-2024

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	45348640001077 45349660000083 45349660001429 & 45389660000091	**1) M/s. Devi Industries,** Represented by its Partners **Mr. Raju K S Mrs. Parvathi, 2) Mr. Raju K S,** Partner of **M/s. Devi Industries, Also at: M/s. Devi Industries, 3) Mrs. Parvathi V** Partner of **M/s. Devi Industries, Also at: M/s. Devi Industries**	**11.12.2023 Rs.1,93,51,074.87** (Rupees One Crore Ninety Three Lakh Fifty One Thousand Seventy Four and Eighty Seven Paisa Only) **due as on 07-12-2023**	**Date: 15-02-2024 Time: 9:35 A.M. Symbolic Possession**

Description of the Property: All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Site bearing No.9 & 9/1, situated at B Puttaswamaiah Road, 3rd Cross, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, presently within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore with all buildings and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future and **Bounded on the: East by:** Common Passage, **West by:** Premises No.825, **South by:** Premises No.10 and 10/1 & **North by:** Conservancy. Measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 50 Feet totally 1500 Sq.feet, building constructed thereon.

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 17.02.2024 **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

IDFC First Bank Limited

(Formerly IDFC Bank Limited) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 7th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031. Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

IDFC FIRST Bank

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (ii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iii) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDFC First Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Limited), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" On 05.03.2024 as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i), due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Limited).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.

S. NO	(i) Demand Notice Date and Amount	(ii) Name Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s)	(iii) PROPERTY ADDRESS	(iv) Reserve Price Amount	(v) EMD Amount	(vi) Date and Time of Auction	(vii) Date and Time of EMD Auction	(viii) Date and Time of Inspection	(ix) Name and Mobile No of Authorized officer
1	INR 34,42,279.51/- Demand Notice: 12th June 2021	**Pasupala Guru Manjunath & Pasupala Bharathi**	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Flat No.FO-2 In 4Th Floor, Consists Of 2 Bed Room, 1 Attached Bathroom, 1 Common Bathroom, 1 Living Room, Modular Kitchen, Katha No.46/1, Measuring 800 Sq.Ft. Sba With Undivided Share, Right, Title And Ineterest Of 280 Sq.Ft. Along With One Covered Car Parking, Situated At Site No. 6, Katha No. 46/1, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahill Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp, Ward No.187 And, Bounded As:-East: Flat No. Fo-03 & West: Flat No. Fo-01, North: Passage & Private Property & South: Road	**INR 32,40,000/-**	INR 3,24,000/-	**5th March 2024 11.00 am TO 1.00 PM**	4th March 2024 11.00 am TO 5.00 PM	**29th February 2024 1.00 pm TO 4.00 PM**	Name- Preeti Toshniwal MOB- 9694702013 Name- Samson Castelino MOB- 9164040717

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(Formerly IDFC Bank Limited)

Date: 17.02.2024

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSE

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co Borrowers/ Guarantors Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Shankare Gowda (Borrower) Leela N (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBMYS00004915453	All That Piece And Parcel of Southern Portion of Site No.22, Gramathana Khatha No. 370, Situated Doddagollarahatti, At Nagadevanahalli Village, Presently Within The Limits of Bbmp Ward No. 130, Katha No. 382/370/22, Kengeri Sub-Division, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East To West: 30-0 Feet North To South: 20-0 Feet, Totally Measuring: 600 Sq. Feet And Bounded As Follows: East By: Property Belongs To Doddaiah West By: Road, North By: Remaining Same Northern Portion Property Belongs To Shivaramu, South By: Road. Together With 4 Squares of RCC Roofed Red Oxide Flooring Jungle Wood Doors And Windows, Cement & Brick Wall With All Civic Amenities	Rs. 52,26,621/- (as on February 09, 2024)	Rs. 38,00,000/- / Rs. 3,80,000/-	March 05, 2024 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	March 26, 2024 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **March 25, 2024** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **March 25, 2024** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **March 25, 2024** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or **March 25, 2024** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **9844542086/8008999536/7304918084.**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. No Broker.in 2. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: February 17, 2024 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. | GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Punnen Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001.
CIN : U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 31.03.2023 & MSGL, SPL-16, One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 30.06.2023 and MSGB, SME Suvarna & EMI due up to 31.12.2023 which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 26.02.2024 from 10 am onwards.

CHANNAPATNA-RAMANAGARAM: 174400002, 174400004, 1744000079, 174400011, 174400012, 174400014, 174400015, 174400016, 174400018, 174400020, 174400025, 174400027, F13537, F13637, F13645, F13646, F13729, F13763, F13769, F13770, F13887, F13910, F13911, F13935, F13961, F13977, F13978, F13994, F14005, F14038, F14055, F14100, F14285. **CHENNAPATTANA:** 075200006, 075200008, 075200010, 075200052, F19817, F19922, F19944, F20021, F20022, F20056, F20159, F20184, F20217, F20247, F20328, F20337, F20346, F20347, F20352, F20372, F20375, F20382, F20407, F20419, F20428, F20467, F20477, F20491, F20492, F20496, F20503, F20505, F20526, F20527, F20531, F20565, F20567, F20745, F20781, F20782, F20784. **HAROHALLI:** 403600004, 403600015, F1250, F2451, F2462, F2473, F2479, F2490, F2501, F2605, F2666, F2715, F2722, F2723, F2996, F3002, F3010, F3011, F3028, F3056, F3320, F3489, F3683, F3725, F3781, F3788, F3814, F3846, F3893, F3894, F3996, F4012, F4013, F4018, F4069, F4113, F4217, F4251. **KANAKAPURA:** 1276000009, 127600003, 127600004, 127600005, 127600007, 127600010, 1276000114, 127600018, 127600021, 127600023, 127600026, 127600027, F24072, F24142, F24143, F24502, F24503, F24642, F24712, F24760, F24788, F26106, F26107, F26108, F26111, F26135, F26136, F26143, F26144, F26145, F26146, F26150, F26151, F26152, F26153, F26160, F26165, F26166, F26167, F26168, F26169, F26175, F26176, F26177, F26178, F26237, F26239, F26240, F26368, F26638, F26639, F26665, F26687, F26842, F26843, F26844, F26858, F26859, F26865, F26976, F26980, F27730, F27862, F27898, F27923, F28226, F28245, F28510, F28552, F28581, F28657, F28693, F28748, F29006, F29009, F29029, F29108, F29303, F29304, F29373, F29399, F29409, F29428, F29430, F29431, F29450, F29485, F29502, F29506, F29736, F29759, F29764, F29773, F29825, F29857, F29858, F29874, F29882, F29891, F29901, F29909, F29938, F29994, F30028, F30033, F30043, F30059, F30063, F30068, F30071, F30073, F30086, F30093, F30108, F30124, F30150, F30152, F30196, F30204, F30216, F30217, F30218, F30225, F30227, F30235, F30246, F30260, F30276, F30280, F30309, F30311, F30313, F30316, F30323, F30324, F30326, F30340, F30341, F30350, F30351, F30356, F30362, F30363, F30364, F30373, F30374, F30376, F30382, F30385, F30386, F30389, F30392, F30397, F30398, F30404, F30428, F30431, F30436, F30438, F30448, F30454, F30459, F30468, F30476, F30481, F30482, F30483, F30501, F30504, F30505, F30516, F30518, F30538, F30552, F30555, F30893, F30929, F30965, F30976, F30977, F30980, F30990, F30996, F31002, F31045, F31056, F31075, F31082, F31092, F31098.

MAGADI: 410800037, F3296, F3346, F6351, F6356, F6394, F6518, F6864, F6728, F6764, F6803, F6869, F6870, F6876, F6878, F6922, F6956, F6959, F6963, F6978, F6984, F6995, F7008, F7016, F7017, F7027, F7054, F7065, F7072, F7077, F7094, F7095, F7280, F7308, F7364. **RAM NAGAR:** 040600001, 040600005, 040600008, 040600011, 040600013, 040600016, 040600023, F59212, F59792, F60001, F60099, F60388, F60460, F60506, F60536, F60572, F60664, F60714, F60964, F60974, F60993, F61020, F61039, F61071, F61079, F61082, F61086, F61220, F61229, F61231, F61237, F61238, F61253, F61255, F61259, F61263, F61269, F61279, F61290, F61298, F61307, F61315, F61316, F61325, F61330, F61331, F61396, F61432, F61439, F61441, F61447, F61455, F61466, F61482, F61496, F61516, F61518, F61526, F61535, F61554, F61783, F61817, F61824, F61858, F61881, F61885, F61886, F61892, F61894, F61897. **RAMANAGARAM-VINAYAKA NAGAR:** 371000010, 371000037, F14935, F15027, F15238, F15305, F15407, F15428, F15547, F15589, F15596, F15601, F15612, F15672, F15676, F15725, F15726, F15735, F15756, F15800, F15807, F15813, F15841, F15884, F15889, F15890, F15895, F15902, F15905, F15907, F15910, F15911, F15921, F15930, F15939, F15951, F15952, F15978, F16012, F16248. **SATHANUR:** 387300010, 387300026, 387300039, 387300053, 387300091, 387300093, F10043, F10079, F9188, F9260, F9261, F9263, F9264, F9405, F9407, F9423, F9434, F9452, F9487, F9500, F9522, F9523, F9542, F9568, F9569, F9579, F9607, F9639, F9655, F9700, F9715, F9717, F9721, F9725, F9726, F9741, F9744, F9746, F9755, F9778, F9801, F9803, F9810, F9817.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 07.03.2024 at 10.00 am at Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., First Floor, #1385, I st Floor, B.M.Road, Near K.S.R.T.C Bus Stand, Ramnagar, Karnataka - 562159.The bidders are requested to produce Photo Id card, Pan Card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS.

Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Intends to Purchase open plot Bearing No 312 Survey no 51 & 52 Situated at 1st Stage 5th Block Hennur Bellary Road Bangalore total area 2325 sq.ft. from absolute owner, if any person has any right, title interest, charge, lien, or objection in or over the property or the sale deed or the transaction, it should be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing within 7 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the transaction will be completed treating the property to be free from encumbrances, claims charges and objections.

Sd/-
Bangalore
Date: 16-02-2024
Sharada B.Sc., LLB.D.Phil
Advocate & Notary
Govt. of India, Reg.No 12521,
#65, Yadava Layout
Nehru Road, Opp to Jyothi School
Kammanahalli Bangalore-84
Ph:7349197123

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH-84)

Comm. O.S No.309/2023

BETWEEN: UltraTech Cement Limited, A company registered under the Companies Act 1956, having registered address at B-Wing, Ahura Centre 2nd Floor Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East, Mumbai MH-400093. Also at No.5, Embassy Links, SRT Road, Cunningham Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560052.
Represented by its authorised representative Mr. Varun K. Agarwal ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: M/s KSR PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED, Having office at No. 5, Durga Arcade. 1st floor, Jakkuru, MCHS Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560064. Also at No 23, Sankey Square, Lower palace Ordchards, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru - 560003
Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Ramana Reddy Kundur ... **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

M/s KSR PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED, Having office at No. 5, Durga. Arcade. 1st floor, Jakkuru, MCHS Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560064. Also at No 23, Sankey Square, Lower palace Ordchards, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru - 560 003. Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Ramana Reddy Kundur ... **DEFENDANT**

Whereas the Plaintiff named above has filed a commercial suit against you under Order VII Rule I read with Section 26 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 seeking the following reliefs against you,

A. Direct the Defendant to pay a sum of INR 9,33,635/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Only) towards non-payment of the amounts due for supply of Goods;

B. Direct the Defendant to pay 18% commercial interest (daily interest of INR 460.43/-) from 30.07.2019 till the date of realisation for delayed payments. The interest till the date of the filing of this Suit is INR 5,90,719/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred and Nineteen Only)

C. Direct the Defendant to pay cost of the suit:

D. Grant such other relief as this Hon'ble court may deem fit under the facts and circumstances of the case in the interest of justice and equity.

You are hereby directed to take notice that you are summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through a pleader on **04-03-2024** at 11:00 AM to answer the aforesaid claim. Take note that if you default in appearing on the said day and time fixed for your appearance, the suit will be heard ex-parte and you will be bound by the Orders of this Court.

Given under the hand and seal of the Court on 22-01-2024. at Bengaluru.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, City Civil Court at Bangalore.

Advocate for Applicant:
SAMYA LAW CHAMBERS
No. 327-328, 4th Floor, K.P. Heights,
80 Feet Road, Indiranagar,
Bengaluru-560 038.

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Govt. of Karnakata Undertaking)
9th & 10th Floor, Visweswaraiah Mini Tower, Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengalore- 560 001.
Ph: 080-22868870, 22867097, 22865192, E-mail:mdadcl2011@gmail.com

No.ADCL:CAE-64553:2023-24 **Date: 12.02.2024**

NOTIFICATION

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Development Corporation Ltd. Invites applications for the post of **01 Legal Advisor and 01 Company Secretary on Contract Basis for the period of 02 years** from the ellgible candidates. The candidates should have the below mentioned Educational and Experience criteria. The details are;

Sl.No.	Particulars	Legal Advisor	Company Secretary
1	**Education:**	LLB from the recognised University	Should have Passed Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test (CSEET).
2	**Experience:**	Should have worked as District and Sessions Judge and (Minimum 02 years of Experince as Legal Advisor in any Department / Board / Corporation of Government of Karnataka) Preference will be given for those who have minimum 02 years of experience working as Legal Advisor in any Department / Board / Corporation after retirement.	Should have minimum 02 years of Experince as Company Secretary in any Department / Board / Corporation of Government of Karnataka. Preference will be given for those who have minimum 02 years of experience working as Company Secretary in any Board / Corporation.
3	**Salary / Remuneration**	Candidates to give their expected salary.	Candidates to give their expected salary.
4	**Working Place**	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Development Corporation Ltd, 9th & 10th Floor, VV Tower, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001.	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Development Corporation Ltd, 9th & 10th Floor, VV Tower, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001.
5	**Scope of Work**	All Legal and Court Matters pertaining to Dr B R Ambedkar Development Corporation at High Court, KAT and Other Courts and also to give Legal Opinion in Court Cases & Other Cases.	Compliance with the Provisions of Companies Act-2013 as applicable to our Corporation.
6	**Working Hours**	Should Present during office Hours.	Should Present during office Hours. (Exemptions could be given)
7	**Age**	Maximum 80 Years	Minimum 35 Years

As explained above, the interested ellgible Candidates can submit their Resume along with self attested above said required documents in physical form **on or before 29.02.2024** to Managing Director, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Development Corporation Ltd. 9th and 10th Floor, VV Tower, Bangalore-560001.Further details can be obtained from The General Manager (Staff-Admin) on Mobile No. 8792571777.

Sd/-
Managing Director

DIPR/CP/JA/3640/2023-24

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** has taken over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act. The Authorized Officer of **M/s. Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit **25%** of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within **15 days** thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
7. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
8. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
9. The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details/ clarifications and for submitting their application.
10. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
11. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act/ Rules.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve price for private treaty	Description of Secured Assets/ Immovable Properties
1	30198850007614 & 30199660001232	1) M/s. Sri Hariharan Electronics, 2) Mr. Suresh V	**Rs.9,95,489.03** (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Nine and Three Paisa) **& Rs.1,75,426.2** (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Six and Twenty Paisa) **as of 12.06.2022**	**Rs.6,50,000/-** (Rupee Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	**Details of Secured Assets:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing site No.80, Khatha No.45 Assessment No.89, Situated at Averahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 41-0(Forty One) feet and North to South 30-0(Thirty) feet in all 1230 Square feet and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.87, **South by:** Site No.81, **North by:** Site No.79.

The aforesaid Borrower's/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಯಚೂರು
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗಗಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ ರಾಯಚೂರು
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: dobcmraichur@gmail.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ- 08532-295996
ಸಂ: ಜಿಹಿಂವಕಇರಾ/ಹೊಸಂಸಿ/ಸಿಆರ್ /2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15-02-2024

: ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :

ರಾಯಚೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ತಾಲೂಕುಗಳ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗಗಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಪೂರ್ವ/ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ನಂತರದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಮೊರಾರ್ಜಿ ದೇಸಾಯಿ ವಸತಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಅಡುಗೆಯವರು, ಅಡುಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಕರು, ರಾತ್ರಿ ಕಾವಲುಗಾರರು (ಬಾಲಕಿಯರ ನಿಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ) ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತಾ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ/ತಾಲೂಕು ಕಛೇರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಡಾಟಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ಆಪರೇಟರ್, ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜು 216 ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು 2023-24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಹೊರಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲದಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿ/ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲು ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15-02-2024 ರಿಂದ ದಿ: 01-03-2024ರ ವರೆಗೆ Website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. e-portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01-03-2024ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗಗಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,
DIP/RCR/497KSMC&A/494/2023-24 **ರಾಯಚೂರು**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works, Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D, Sedam Division, Sedam
No.PWD/Ts-1/corrigendum/2023-24/ 3036 Date: - 15/02/2024

Corrigendum Notification

Sub:- Postphoment Tenders called in e-Procurement for the works under K.K.R.D.B For The year 2023-24 In Chincholi Taluka
Ref:- 1) This office tender notification No. 2856, Dated : 29-01-2024
With reference to the above subject, The tender called for the works Under K.K.R.D.B in Chincholi taluka Work Indent No - 7737, chincholi Taluka are postponed by technical issue in the e-procurement Portal. The Calendar of Events for the works read as under.
1) Last Date & Time for Tender pre Bid Meeting : 22/02/2024 Mrg 11:30 Hrs, 2) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications : 23/02/2024 upto 17.30 Hrs. 3) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 26/02/2024 at 16.00 Hrs. 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 27/02/2024 at 16.30 Hrs. 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 29/02/2024 at 16.30 Hrs.
Tender condition in the original notification remains same and the information may be got from the website of e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka (https// www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in)

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/844/KSMC&A/2023-24 **EE P.W.D Division Sedam**

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,
N.H. – 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.
Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/46 Email:tmupur99@gmail.com Fax: 0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Tender Notification only through KPPP Portal)
Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites KPPP Portal tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the listed below:

Sl. No.	KPPP Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/2023-24/IND0613 Date: 09-02-2024	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Trail Run and Handing Over of 2KL Capacity Butter Melting VAT with Dismantling and Shifting of Existing Butter Melting and its Accessories to Scrap Yard at Product Unit of Tumkur Milk Union Ltd.- 01 No.	37,500-00
2	KMF/2023-24/IND0614 Date: 09-02-2024	Printing And Supply of DCS Books – 8,830 Nos. and Milk Cards – 2,00,000 Nos.	32,250-00
3	KMF/2023-24/IND0615 Date: 09-02-2024	Supply of Servo Friz 68 Grade Oil for Ammonia Compressor– 2,000 Ltrs.	10,600-00
4	KMF/2023-24/IND0616 Date: 09-02-2024	Supply of Milk Collection Tray (S.S) – 150 Nos.	9,000-00
5	KMF/2023-24/IND0617 Date: 09-02-2024	Supply of 200 CFM Air Compressor Spares – 01 Lot.	12,750-00
6	KMF/2023-24/IND0620 Date: 09-02-2024	Supply Installation and Configuration of Intel Xeon Tower Server – 01 No.	30,000-00
7	KMF/2023-24/SE1577 Date: 14-02-2024	Design, Development And Implementation of BMC Transport Billing for BMC Route Tanker Billing and BMC Operation Billing with Cluster Auto Transport Billing Software	50,000-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 15-02-2024 to 01-03-2024/ 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission of Tender: **01-03-2024/ 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (cover 1): **02-03-2024/ 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address for E-tender: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,
MANAGING DIRECTOR

HDB Financial Services Ltd.
Registered Office:- Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahamedabad-09.
Regional Office:- Ground Floor, Zenith House, Opposite Race Course, Mahalakshmi, Mumbai-34. Tel: 022-39586300, Fax: 022-39586666. Branch Office:- No.195/38, 1st Floor HDFC Building 10th Cross Road, Wilson Garden Bangalore-27. web: www.hdbfs.com, Email ID: compliance@hdfs.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(To the Borrower /Co-Applicant / Public in General)
(Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002)

The undersigned Authorized Officer of **HDB Financial Services Ltd.**, has taken over Possession of the following property, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan account with a right to sell the same on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**.

Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1.Naveen Harish Kalra, 2. S.K.Harish Kumar. Above 1 & 2 are R/o, Flat No S-E,2nd Floor, SLV Pearl, Apts Kenchanahalli, R R Nagar, Bangalore-98. Loan Account No.672607,
Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.4,71,01,773/-(Rupees Four Crore Seventy One Lakh One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Three Only) as on 13.02.2024, with further interest/incidental expenses /costs till the date of full payment.
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor: --- NIL

DETAILS OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES:

Item No.1: All the piece and parcel of residential corner site No.30, situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli,Bangalore South Tq, Bangalore-98,private layout formed by Remco (BHEL) House Building Co-operative Society Ltd. Measuring East to West: (60+59)/2 and North to South: 60 ft. **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.29, **North by:** Site No.09, **South by:** Road.
Item No.2: All the piece and parcel of residential corner site No:09, situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Tq, Bangalore-98, private layout formed by Remco (BHEL) House Building Co-operative Society Ltd. Measuring East to West: (61+60)/2 and North to South: 61 ft. **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.10, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.30.
Schedule 'B' Property:- (Description of properties undivided share hereby conveyed) An undivided share of right,title and interest and ownership in the schedule 'A' property measuring to an extent of 365.793 sft.
Schedule 'C' Property:- (Description of Apartment hereby Conveyed) All the piece and parcel of residential Apartment Flat no S-E,2nd Floor, SLV Pearl, constructed in 'A' Schedule property and apartment flat measuring 1510 Sq.ft. of super built up area, along with one car parking space provided in the basement floor.
Schedule of the Property 2:- All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Site No.57 & 58, in Katha No.161, Portion of Old property No.87, Assessment No. 87, Old V.P. Katha No.209/210, Situated at Medahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Now assigned as New Khata No. 161/87/57/58, Next to SJES College, Opp. New RTO, OMR Medahalli, Bangalore, Old CMC ward No.13 Now under BBMP Ward No.53, Measuring East to West 60 feet,and North to South 45 feet Totally Measuring 2700 sq.ft, along with Fifteen square & second Floor Fifteen square RCC roofed Building with vitrified flooring cement and bricks, used for construction wall, hone wood used for wood and windows with all civic amenities and **bounded on the: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Site No.56, **North by:** Site No.59 & 60, **South:** Road.

Property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date &Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Flat No.S-E in Site No.30&09	Rs.77,60,400/-	Rs.7,76,040/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	21/03/2024 at 11 A.M. to 12 Noon	20/03/2024 up to 05:00 P.M.
Property in Site No.57&58	Rs.1,17,80,775/-	Rs.11,78,077.50	Rs.1,00,000/-	21/03/2024 at 11 A.M. to 12 Noon	20/03/2024 up to 05:00 P.M.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ONLINE TENDER/ AUCTION:

1) The auction sale shall be "online e-auction" bidding through website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** Mobile APP on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes.
2) The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: **https://bankauctions.in/** (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with **https://bankauctions.in**) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "HDB Financial Service Limited" above. After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. **i)** Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; **ii)** Copy of PAN Card; **iii)** Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADING SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: **https://bankauctions.in/**) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact M/s C1 India pvt ltd, Plot No.68, 3rd Floor, Sector-44, Gurgao122003, Haryana, E-mail ID: **support@bankeaction.com , support Helpline Number: 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124/1125/1126, Vinod Chouhan/ delhi@c1india.com/ 9813887931 sales Enquires: sales@bankeauctions.com, 7291981129.**
3) The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. No Authorized person allowed.
4) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, **M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd. No.195/38, 1st floor HDFC Building 10th Cross Road, Wilson Garden Bangalore-27.,** the intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorized Officer, **HDB Financial Services Limited,** together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favor of **"HDB Financial Service Limited" on or before 5pm on the 20-03-2024** of Tender-cum-Auction sale hereby notified.
5) For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: **M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd. No.195/38, 1st floor HDFC Building 10th Cross Road, Wilson Garden Bangalore-27, The Manager -Mrs. Ragini. M K.- 9110609817 and Raghavendra Rao KR -9620764555 , The Property/ies is sold on "As-is-where-is" and "As-is-what-is" condition basis.**
6) The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by 11am on the 21-03-2024 of Tender-cum-auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of HDB Financial Services Limited.
7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of Sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. If the successful bidder, fail to make the payment of 25% of the entire bid amount as mentioned above, the next successful bidder will be considered and entitled to complete the sale.
8) The sale certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein.
9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law.
10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other Dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies.
11) The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/ cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 12-02-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer, M/s. HDB Financial Services Limited.

INTERNATIONAL FLOWER AUCTION BANGALORE LIMITED
24, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024,
Mobile No. 8431235867, 8431235858
E-Mail:- ifablimited@gmail.com, Website :-www.ifabindia.org

IFAB/2023-24/IND0003/CALL-3 Date: 16.02.2024

Two bid system online tenders are invited through Karnataka e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in,** by IFAB from the OEM or authorized Agents for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION and COMMISSIONING OF 82KVA DIESEL GENERATOR at IFAB Ltd. The tender details and documents can be downloaded from **16.02.2024** and bids can be uploaded up to last date: **22.02.2024 5.00pm** through e-procurement portal only.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/3657/SSC/2023-24 **Managing Director**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase immovable property **being Eastern Portion of Site No.7C-302 in the layout formed by the BDA at: Old Madras Road Banaswadi Road (OMBR) Layout, Bangalore, now comes under BBMP limits, BMP Ward No.88, Khatha PID No.88-255-7C-302** Measuring East to West: On the Northern side **32 Feet**, On the Southern side **48 ½ Feet,** and North to South: On the Eastern side **40 ¼ Feet,** on the Western side **18 Feet,** measuring in all **1563 Sq.Ft.,** From its owner Sri.A.NARAYANA MURTHY Son of Late.A.Anjinappa. Persons having any right/interest over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 14 days from the date of this publication to the undersigned.

Sd/-
K.V.CHALAPATHI ASSOCIATES
Advocates,
No. 68, Ground Floor, 1st 'H' Main Road, Kasturinagar, Bangalore - 560 043.
M:7259677796/ 9945103698/ 080-42191053
Date: 17.02.2024 Place: Bangalore

JM FINANCIAL

JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Piramal Capital and Housing Finacne Ltd have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created therefor along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFARC (JM) (herein reffered as Assingee). The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of (JM) assignee. Under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Nnotice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to JM, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to JM by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 12700003032 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) M/S. Marvel Laboratory (Borrower) Veena S (Co Borrower 1) Puttaswamygowda Shivashankar (Co Borrower 2)	30-01-2024 ₹ 760892 /-(₹ Seven lakh Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Two Only) NPA (11-03-2022)	M_Machine_Name :- Fully Automated Clinical Chemistry Analyser Ap_Model_No:- Medical Eqpt

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to JM as aforesaid, JM shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of JM. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/-
Date : 17.02.2024 **(Authorised Officer)**
Place : Banglore - Karnataka **JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited**

ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಹಿರೇಮಗಳೂರು ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಒಂದನೇ ಹಂತ,
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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co Borrowers/ Guarantors Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Guruprasad K (Borrower) Mr. Ashwathaiah Krishnappa (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005556470	All That The Piece and Parcel of The Vacant Residential Flat Bearing No. FF- 103 in The First Floor, New Bbmp Khata No. 266/128/124/1/12/5/FF/103, Super Built Up Area of 850 Sq. Ft. in The Apartment Known As "Padmavathi Pendents", Constructed on The Schedule A' Property, and Having 225 Sq. Ft. of Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in The Schedule 'A' Property, The Said Property Presently Comes Under The Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagarapalike, Consisting of One Hall, Two Bed Rooms, One Kitchen, Bathroom and Toilets With R.C.C. Roofing, Vitrified Tiles, Door and Windows Made of Mathi And Jungle Wood, With All Other Civic Amenities Like Water, Sanitary, Electricity, With Lift and Common Power Backup Generator Facilities Along With One Car Parking at Stilt Floor and Other Amenities in The Schedule 'A' Property Situated at Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru.	Rs. 56,06,178.25/- (as on February 15, 2024)	Rs. 20,25, 000/- / Rs. 2,03,000/-	February 26, 2024 from 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM	March 13, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2.	Mr. Syed Aathif (Borrower) Mrs. Shabreen Banu M (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005484665	All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Apartment Bearing No. B-318, in Third Floor, of The Apartment Building Known As "sumadhura's Mathrushree Residency", at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore- 560097, Having A Super Built Up Area of 1570 Sq. Ft., Vitrified Tile Flooring Comprising Three (03) Bedrooms, Three (03) Toilets, Living, Dining, Kitchen Utility and Two (02) Balconies Together With One (01) Covered Car Parking Space and Together With 629 Sq. Ft. of Corresponding Undivided Share of Land in The Schedule A Property and Common Facilities/ Amenities, and Bounded By: East By: Fencing of Sumadhuramathrushree Residency; West By: Common Area and Apartment No. 317 North By: Open Area/ Common Area and Apartment No. 320 South By: Common Area and Apartment No. 316 (Super Built Up Area Includes The Propionate Share in The Common Area Such as Passages, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircase, Clubhouse And Enjoyment of All The Facilities of The Club and Other Areas of Common Use.)	Rs. 87,54,589.68/- (as on February 15, 2024)	Rs. 75,69, 000/- / Rs. 7,57,000/-	March 02, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	March 13, 2024 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
3.	Mr. Vinay Poojary (Borrower) Mrs. Susheela P (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBMNG00005132791	Residential Apartment No. 101A, Bearing City Corporation Door. No.6-39/A, Measuring Super Built-up Area of 950 Sq. Ft., on The First Floor, Together With an Exclusive Car Parking Space No. A101, in The Ground Floor of The Residential Apartment Building Known As "Janak Residency A Block". Situated in The Schedule 'A' Property, Together With Undivided 8.09% Right, Title and Interest in The Schedule 'A' Property and Similar Undivided Interest in The Common Areas and Facilities and Amenities of The Building as Detailed in The Deed of Declaration Referred To Above Situated in Iddya Village of Mangalore Taluk Within Limits of Mangalore City Corporation, Within The Registration Sub-District of Mangalore Taluk, District of Dakshina Kannada	Rs. 40,36,492.91/- (as on February 13, 2024)	Rs. 26,60, 000/- / Rs. 2,66, 000/-	March 04, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	March 13, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM

The online auction will be take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited.(URL Link-www.disposalhub.com)** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **March 12, 2024** before **05:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per above schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **March 12, 2024** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **March 12, 2024** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **March 12, 2024** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **9844542086/ 7304918084/ 8008999536**
Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. 2. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd.** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: February 17, 2024 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

UGC-DAE Consortium for Scientific Research, Mumbai Centre invites Offers in sealed cover, from eligible bidders for supply of the under mentioned:

Tender Nos. & Date	Description of Item
01/2023-24 Dated 16th February, 2024	Ferroelectric PE loop tracer with High Voltage Amplifier.

1. The last date of submission of sealed Offer is **07th March, 2024**
2. Corrigendum and/or Addendum if any, shall only be hosted at www.csr.res.in Bidders are requested to see the website for such information.
3. The tender documents shall be available at http:// www.csr.res.in/tender.html

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Short Term Tender Notification
Through e-procurement

Tender has been invited for the following work in Two cover system throughe-procurement. Eligible tenders may obtain the details and tender documents and submitted the filled tender online through website view.http:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Chitradurga Taluk 08 Works Rs. 1258.33 Lakhs, Hiriyur Taluk 03 Works Rs. 277.94 Lakhs, Holalkere Taluk 02 Works Rs. 371.32 Lakhs, Hosadurga Taluk 04 Works Rs. 221.08 Lakhs AND Molakalmur Taluk 01 Works Rs. 243.50 Lakhs Last Date for Receipt of Bids Dt: 26.02.2024, Date of Technical Bid Opening 27.02.2024 and Date of Financial Bid Opening 28.02.2024. For Further details Office of Executive Engineer and also through e-port web site http:/ /kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

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INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents from KW-4 on E-procurement portal for 02 no of tender works pertaining to Raichur and Koppal district. The amount put to tender for the mentioned work varies from 1) Rs. 172.92 Lakhs 2) Rs. 845.43 Lakhs The tenders may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. **Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.
For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after 16-02-2024. Last date & time for receipt of tender is 26-02-2024 time 15.00 hours, Date & time for opening of technical bid

Dipa and Pranati qualify for vault final

Star Indian gymnasts **Dipa Karmakar** and Pranati Nayak qualified for the vault final of the FIG Apparatus World Cup, a Paris Olympics qualifying event, in Cairo on Friday. Dipa scored an aggregate of 13.449 points to finish third in the qualification round and seal her spot in the finals. Pranati qualified after finishing seventh with a score of 13.166.

Australia edged Netherlands 5-4 in Bhubaneswar on Friday | SHAMIM QURESHY

Grasping Fulton's well-known quest for control in play

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Bhubaneswar

WITH India seemingly in command, coach Craig Fulton gathered his players inside the locker room at half-time during the Pro League encounter against Australia on Thursday. Being in command was one thing but for the majority of the first stanza, they were not in control. In fact, they had to overturn a 0-2 deficit. Sure, they were leading 4-2 after 30 minutes but they couldn't afford to let it slip. So, the South African told his players about the need to be in control. He said as much when the broadcaster asked him his thoughts before the beginning of the third quarter.

At that exact moment, it wasn't hard to wonder whether Indian hockey has ever been in control in recent memory. For a side whose history is so decorated, its recent decades has swung wildly like an out-of-control pendulum. It has seen scandals, debacles, internal squabbles... you get the drift. In fact, the only time they were in control was the side of 2000, they won a bronze at the Olympics (a settled squad, a coach who felt secure and an administration that pulled in the right direction).

Thirty minutes after Fulton's call to arms, the electronic scoreboard read: "IND 4-6 AUS". The coach had asked for control. He got confusion. From 0-2 to 4-2 to 4-6. Against other teams, scoring four may have guaranteed a win. If the opponent is Australia, it merely keeps them competitive. The numbers bear this out. The last two times India beat Australia (they had to score at least four to seal victory).

It's probably why Fulton sees the defence as this side's mega project. He's not somebody who wants to park the bus but he wants to have at least a vehicle on standby at the back before working on the constituent parts further up the field. Limit Australia (also applies to Netherlands and Belgium) to not more than two goals and you become contenders to win a global medal. That isn't entirely out of place, even in a high-scoring sport like hockey. Out of the six Olympics held since 2000, only once has a team won gold after conceding more than two goals a game (Argentina in 2016 when they shipped 17 across eight games). To just put things in some perspective, India let in 23 across eight games in 2021 when they won bronze.

In other words, if they have designs on bettering that bronze, they will have to have that discipline at the back. While India are on that journey, Fulton has previous for that sort of thing. He made history when he coached Ireland to a first Olympics (2016) in more than 100 years. That honour saw him being named the 2015 FIH coach of the year. One only needed to ask Michael Robson for what Fulton did with the Irish side before he became an important member of Belgium's backroom staff. "We all bought into what he was trying to do," he said after their match against Spain on Thursday. "He made us very tough to beat. We were defensively very good."

To outsiders, it may sometimes look boring — it certainly was for vast swathes of the game between his current employers and the ones who gave him his break before 2016 — but it was devoid of jeopardy. Ireland had a few set-piece opportunities but they generally didn't look threatening. However, for such a style to work, the forwards have to be clinical while the defenders should be free of errors. Which the forwards weren't for the first 58 minutes and 59 seconds. That's before Gurjant Singh's first-time drive from the edge of the D gave India victory by the thinnest of margins.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Delhi HC stays volley federation elections

CHENNAI: In another setback to Indian sports and its administration, the Delhi High Court on Friday stayed the elections of the Volleyball Federation of India just a day before the scheduled date. The Delhi High Court has stalled it as the VFI did not comply with the August 16, 2022 order.

Savita & Co look to finish on positive note

ROURKELA: The Indian women's hockey team will look to end the campaign at home on a high note when they take on Australia and the USA in the Pro League here over the weekend. In the ongoing FIH Pro League, the Savita Punia-led team has lost five of their six matches.

Ayhika, Sreeja stun World No 1 & 2 but India lose

BUSAN: Indian paddlers Ayhika Mukherjee and Sreeja Akula stunned the world's top two players, Sun Yingsha and Wang Yidi, but it wasn't enough as the side went down 2-3 to defending champions China at the World Table Tennis Team Championships here. Ayhika, ranked 155, beat World No 1 Yingsha while Sreeja beat Yidi.

TRENDING: ASH-TAG 500

"Accidental spinner", who made his debut at 25, reaches yet another milestone in what has been a stellar career

GOMESH S @ Rajkot

AS R Ashwin walked towards the bowling crease from mid-off after 11 overs of the England innings on Friday, the scoreboard read 71/0. After dismissing India for 445, England openers — Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley — had gotten off to a flying start, and Rohit turned towards the most reliable and experienced craftsman in his team. India needed a wicket and Ashwin was one away from getting into the 500 club.

Everyone knew it was coming, and yet there was a sense of anticipation in the air as to when and how it was going to happen. In fact every single person who has watched him and followed his career would say they expected it to have happened by now. Even his teammate and partner-in-crime Ravindra Jadeja thought so. "I thought he would complete it in the first Test," Jadeja had said.

At the start of the series, Ashwin needed ten wickets to get to 500, and Jadeja wasn't alone in thinking what he did. After all, that is what the off-spinner's reputation was. 490 Test wickets in 95 matches, a tad above five wickets every match in a career that has spanned just over 13 years. Fastest to get to 250, 300, and 350, second fastest to get to 400 and 450, second most player of the series awards, the list just goes on. These numbers, as phenomenal as they are, don't do enough justice to what Ashwin has achieved.

For someone who started as a batter all through his age-group career, and who took off-spin as a primary skill much later, Ashwin made his Test debut at 25. He calls himself an "accidental spinner" and rightly so. By the time Ashwin played for India, he had already won two IPL titles with Chennai Super Kings, and had five years of Ranji Trophy cricket behind him. On debut, he returned with nine wickets and the Player of the Match award. Since then, it has been a rollercoaster ride for him. He has had his shares of ups and downs, and had a forgettable series here and there, but seldom has he had a year where he wasn't good.

In the past 13 years, only twice his annual average went over 30 (not including 2024), and thrice he averaged less than 20. At home, he averages 21.30 and away 30.40. Among spinners with more than 200 wickets (at home), only Muttiah Muralitharan (19.56) surpasses him. And with 149 (same as Ashwin) away wickets or more, the Indian stands sixth on the list. But, all top five have played more matches than he has so far. To put his overall record into context, the bowlers above him on the all-time list — Muralitharan (20), Shane Warne (22), James Anderson (20), Anil Kumble (19), Stuart Broad (21) Glenn McGrath (23), Courtney Walsh (22), Nathan Lyon (23) — all made their debuts at a relatively younger age. Among spinners, barring Graeme Swann (29), no one else has taken 250 Test wickets while making his Test debut at an age older than Ashwin.

Ashwin's "experiments" or the perception of him "overanalysing" dominates the discourse more than his skill, craft and sheer genius. If not for the cricket nerd in him, if not for the immense love for the game, Ashwin wouldn't have been where he is now. Swann thinks so as well. "I think his strength is that he always needs to be redeveloped and relearning and trying new things and top up this game. Other people's strengths are they're just good at what they're doing," said the former England spinner.

As much as he downplayed the milestone moment, Ashwin knows what it means in the larger scheme of things. He acknowledged that it was not easy to play as long as he and Nathan Lyon have as the primary finger spinners for their teams. At 37, he seemed content, and has made peace with the fact that he is not going to make everyone happy. "I can't keep proving everybody wrong or I can't prove everybody right. I'm glad that somebody is happy and somebody is not, but I need to be happy," he said. "I am in a really, really good space in my life and I want this to continue, and I don't want to let go of the love for the game. At one point in my life, I was in a really dark space, and I didn't want to watch the game. That's not where I want to go in my life ever again. I am happy to watch the game. Last night, I watched Afghanistan-Sri Lanka play in the third ODI highlights, I watched live New Zealand versus South Africa Test. I mean, this is who I want to be and I'm glad," he said.

Ask him whether surpassing Kumble's 619 is in his mind, a clear "no" comes as an answer. "I don't know what's in store in the next two months. You play this series, and then what lies ahead? You really don't know. So I mean, I don't want to really jump the gun. I have kept it this way for the last 4-5 years and it's been very simple. And it's worked for me. Why change anything that's working for you?"

Indeed. And as long as he keeps turning up, competing, trying new things and challenging the opponents, India wouldn't want him to change either. For, there is no one like Ashwin in Indian cricket.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

R Ashwin being congratulated by teammates after his landmark wicket | AFP

THE 500-WICKET CLUB

Player	Debut age	Wkts
Muralitharan (SL)	20	800
Warne (Aus)	22	708
Anderson (Eng)	20	696*
Kumble (Ind)	19	619
Broad (Eng)	21	604
McGrath (Aus)	23	563
Walsh (WI)	22	519
Lyon (Aus)	23	517*
Ashwin (Ind)	25	500*

* Active players

Ashwin withdraws due to medical emergency

In a late night development, the Indian cricket board (BCCI) announced that R Ashwin has withdrawn from the rest of the Test. "Ravichandran Ashwin has withdrawn from the Test squad, effective immediately due to a family medical emergency. In these challenging times, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the team fully supports Ashwin." It is not immediately known what kind of emergency forced him to withdraw. However, the BCCI has said in a statement that, "The BCCI extends its heartfelt support to the champion cricketer and his family. The health and well-being of the players and their loved ones are of utmost importance. The Board requests respect for the privacy of Ashwin and his family as they navigate through this challenging time."

Duckett, Crawley keep up strong opening show

GOMESH S @ Rajkot

JUST as Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley went about their business on day two — they were taking on Indian bowlers, keeping the scoreboard ticking as if India hadn't batted one and a half days to post 445 didn't matter — there was an interesting graphic displayed on broadcast.

According to stats, Duckett and Crawley had faced 121 balls from Jasprit Bumrah in the first two Tests and had added 71 runs, while getting out just once. In contrast, all other England batters put together 88 runs in 227 balls, while getting out 14 times. The cumulative average of all other batters against Bumrah is 6.28. This stat, as much as there are other tangible factors involved, summed up how well the England openers have fared so far in the series. Having put up stands of 55, 45, 59, 50 in the first two Tests, they followed it up with another 89-run stand on Thursday, ensuring that England got yet another good start. As they have done through the series, Duckett and Crawley stuck to their method and tried to disrupt the Indian pacers.

Duckett, in particular, was a lot more successful in Rajkot, playing the field, taking on both Mohammed Siraj and Bumrah. If Rohit Sharma kept a wide deep gully, he would play it down and closer to third slip, and once the fielder was moved, he would bring out the punch and hit the pacer in front of square. When Kuldeep Yadav was brought on, the sweep and reverse sweep was employed, and depending on the field, Duckett would play it wider or late. However, that did not mean he was unstoppable. There were quite a few plays and misses, especially against Siraj who was angling it away, but Duckett did not get flustered by it and neither did England.

If you watched Kuldeep and R Ashwin in their first spell, you would think they actually bowled well. And then, if you look at the scoreboard, Kuldeep had gone for 42 in six overs and Duckett had raced to a 39-ball fifty. Even as Crawley got out to Ashwin, Duckett kept going, along with Ollie Pope, taking the momentum forward.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Ben Duckett was unbeaten on 133 | AFP

SCOREBOARD

India 1st innings: (o/n 326-5) Jadeja c and b Root 112, Yadav c Foakes b Anderson 4, Jurel c Foakes b Ahmed 46, Ashwin c Anderson b Ahmed 37, Bumrah lbw Wood 26, Siraj n.o 3. **Extras** (b2, lb4, nb2, w1) 9. **Total** (130.5 ovs) 445. **FoW:** 1-22, 2-24, 3-33, 4-237, 5-314, 6-331, 7-331, 8-408, 9-415, 10-445. **Bowling:** Anderson 25-7-61-1, Wood 27.5-2-114-4, Hartley 40-7-109-1, Root 16-3-70-1, Ahmed 22-2-85-2. **England 1st innings:** Crawley c Patidar b Ashwin 15, Duckett n.o 133, Pope lbw Siraj 39, Root n.o 9. **Extras** (b1, lb1, nb4, pen5) 11. **Total** (2 wickets, 35 ovs) 207. **FoWs:** 1-89, 2-182. **Bowling:** Bumrah 8-0-34-0, Siraj 10-1-54-1, Yadav 6-1-42-0, Ashwin 7-0-37-1, Jadeja 4-0-33-0.

Aakash scores to help Chennaiyin edge Blasters

AGENCIES @ Chennai

CHENNAIYIN FC ended their three-match-long losing streak with an essential 1-0 victory over Kerala Blasters FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in the ISL on Friday. Blasters succumbed to their third straight loss as their slump in form since the resumption of the league is now further troubled with the injury to their goalkeeping mainstay Sachin Suresh. Coming out of his line to clear a cross directed towards Farukh Choudhary, Sachin ended up hurting his shoulder and had to be substituted out to bring Karanjit Singh into the field in 37th minute.

Blasters have already been affected by injuries to Adrian Luna and Kwame Peprah, which has cut down the dynamism their frontline operated with in the first half of this campaign. Even on Friday, the attacking unit spearheaded by Fedor Cernych and Ishan Pandita was unable to function in cohesion, barely troubling the Chennaiyin defence.

They shot twice on target, but it was a game primarily battled out in the midfield, with even the decisive goal by Aakash Sangwan in the 60th minute coming as a result of a quick routine through a throw-in. On the left side of the field, the Brazilian playmaker threw the ball in through the touchline which was well collected by Farukh. The attacker showed promising hold-up play and turned a bit on the right and then laid up a pass for Sangwan inside the box.

The 28-year-old was on the move, controlled the ball with his first touch and hammered it past Karanjit to get Chennaiyin ahead in the game by shooting accurately from close range. Interestingly, Sangwan had interlinked with Crivellaro earlier in the first half to good effect too. The fullback was taking active interest in rushing into the box and exploiting opportunities at goal, with one of his similar efforts missing the target by mere inches at the 20th minute mark.

CFC and KBFC players in action at the JN Stadium in Chennai on Friday | ISL

Sindhu & Co post win to ensure medal

AGENCIES @ Shah Alam (Malaysia)

THE Indian women shuttlers assured themselves of a maiden Badminton Asia Team Championships medal by cruising to a 3-0 win over Hong Kong in the quarterfinals here on Friday. After stunning top seeds China to top the group stage, India blanked Hong Kong riding on wins from double Olympic-medallist PV Sindhu, Ashmita Chaliha and the doubles pair of Ashwini Ponappa and Tanisha Crasto. Returning from a long injury layoff, Sindhu registered a hard-fought 21-7, 16-21, 21-12 win against Lo Sin Yan Happy.

The women's doubles combination of Tanisha and Ponnappa then doubled the lead by beating World No 18 combination of Yeung Nga Ting and Yeung Pui Lam 21-10, 21-14. Ashmita then wrapped up the tie with a 21-12, 21-13 triumph over Yeung Sum Yee, assuring the team of at least a bronze.

However, it was a heartbreak for the men's team as they came within striking distance of a semifinal spot but lost 2-3 in their contest against Japan.

Two-time former world champion Kento Momota made the difference for Japan, beating Kidambi Srikanth in the third singles. Earlier, the pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty had won their tie. Lakshya Sen had won the second singles to hand India the lead.

RANJI TROPHY

Maheep, Bhui help Andhra cross 250-run mark against Kerala

ENS/AGENCIES @ Chennai

ALREADY qualified for the quarterfinals, Andhra ended the day on 260/7 against Kerala on Day 1 of their last and seventh-round Elite Group B Ranji Trophy match in Vizianagaram on Friday. Despite losing his opening partner Rvenath Reddy early, Maheep Kumar scored 81 to resurrect Andhra's innings. Skipper Ricky Bhui then slammed an unbeaten 79 to make sure his team bats again on the second day.

For Kerala, Basil Thampi (2/42) and Vaisakh Chandran (2/78) were the pick of the bowlers. Sachin Baby, who has been a prolific scorer for his side this season with 700 plus runs, has been leading Kerala in the absence of Sanju Samson, who was rested for the inconsequential match as table toppers — Mumbai and Andhra — have already qualified for the next round. The top two teams from each Elite Group will qualify directly for the quarterfinals scheduled to commence on February 23.

SELECT SCORES

Group B: In Vizianagaram: Andhra 260/7 in 89.3 ovs (Maheep 81, Bhui 79 batting; Thampi 2/42, Nedumankuzhy Basil 2/78) vs Kerala. **Group C:** In Salem: Tamil Nadu 291/4 in 90 ovs (Indrajith 122 batting, Vijay 85 batting; Sukhwinder 2/61) vs Punjab; In Hubballi: Chandigarh 219/6 in 89 ovs (Kaila 79; Vyshak 2/48, Raj 2/54) vs Karnataka. **Group D: In Puducherry:** Himachal Pradesh 272/4 in 90 ovs (Gangta 100 batting, Chopra 61) vs Pondicherry; In Delhi: Odisha 314/4 in 88 ovs (Senapati 109 batting, Shantanu 76; Vijayran 2/64) vs Delhi.

Karnataka miss chance

In an Elite Group C match in Hubbali, hosts Karnataka squandered advantage despite reducing Chandigarh to 37 for three inside 15 overs on Day 1 as their opponents managed to score 219/6 at stumps. Karan Kaila played a key role in helping Chandigarh recover with his 207-ball 79.

Indrajith guides TN to 291/4

Baba Indrajith struck an unbeaten 122 and shared an unbroken 184-run partnership with Vijay Shankar as hosts Tamil Nadu reached 291 for 4 against Punjab on the opening day of their Group C match here in Salem. After electing to bat, TN were reduced to 64 for 3 and then 107 for 4 before Indrajith and Shankar revived their innings. The duo batted for 53.3 overs without separation. At stumps, Shankar was batting on 85.

Delhi's dodgy selection

Delhi cricket establishment continued with its dodgy selections even during an inconsequential final group game as Odisha batters made merry, reaching 314/4 riding on a ton from Subhransu Senapati.

Already out of the knock-out reckoning from Group D, the match at Jamia Milia Islamia featured three debutants — batter Gagan Vats, left-arm spinner Sumit Mathur and leg-spinner Prince Chaudhary.

The Delhi team didn't feature left-arm seamer Siddhant Sharma, who got a five-for including seven wickets in the previous match against Himachal Pradesh in Dharamsala.

While the logic of dropping Siddhant was the slow track at the Jamia Milia Islamia ground, how was rookie leg-break bowler Prince picked ahead of Hrithik Shokeen (17 wickets), Delhi's second highest wicket-taker of the season, defies logic. Prince is said to be the nephew of a former age-group selector and also an influential figure in DDCA.

Groundwater samples collected from 58 tubewells in Delhi exceed permissible fluoride limits, according to a report submitted by the Delhi government to the National Green Tribunal

FIRE IN THE FIELDS

FARMERS ARE ON THE WARPATH FROM EUROPE TO INDIA DEMANDING ASSURED INCOME. HERE'S A LOOK AT THE MSP REGIME AND WHY TILLERS IN THE COUNTRY ARE DEMANDING LEGAL GUARANTEES FOR IT

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THOUSANDS of farmers this week joined the 'Dilli Chalo' (march to Delhi) to press the government to give legal guarantee to the minimum support price (MSP) mechanism for crops. The protest started from the epicentre of India's green revolution, Punjab. The police this time were better prepared to avoid a rerun of the violent protest by farmers in Delhi in 2021, with multi-layered barriers like placing heavy concrete structures followed by iron nails beds to puncture wheels and other barricading on roads leading to Delhi. Talks are also on with the farmers to defuse the situation. The next round of talks is slated for Sunday.

Farmers have been on the warpath in Europe as well with hundreds of them hitting the streets of Germany, France, Belgium, Netherland, Romania, Spain, Poland, Latvia and elsewhere, blocking main pathways using tractors to force their respective governments to give them assured income. It indicates that farmers across the board are getting raw deal. A few years ago, European farmers spilled milk on the roads to protest against plunging market prices. Cheap imports from countries like Ukraine and rising input cost forced them to resort to agitation.

In India too, the government curbed food export, reduced import duty and flooded the agri-market with cheaper commodities to contain price inflation in the election year. But that adversely affected the income of farmers.

A government report shows that over half of the agricultural households have an average debt of ₹74,121 and one-fifth of farmers are under the clutch of local money lenders (Table 1).

Indian agitation

India's agrarian crisis can be baffling. While production of grains keeps on increasing, there is no commensurate rise in the income of farmers. In fact, the average daily earning from crop production is lesser than the daily wage of an unskilled rural labourer under the employment guarantee scheme, MGNREGS.

A latest situation analysis of India's agriculture households (SAS-77) captures the deep flaws in the national agrarian policy. The report shows that the income of farmers from cultivation has actually gone down, when adjusted for inflation. The resultant distress was so severe that at least one farmer died by suicide every hour in India, as per the 2022 National Crime Records Bureau data.

Over a decade ago, crop production was the largest average source of income of agricultural households. No longer (Table 2). For example, the contribution of cultivation declined from 47.9% in 2012-13 to 37.7% in 2018-19, a drop of 10.2 percentage points. "It is a fact that income from crop production has not only declined as a share of total income, but has declined in real value if we adjust for inflation," writes Dr Aparajita Bakshi, who teaches at School of Economics and Finance, RV University, Bengaluru. After adjusting 2012-13 incomes to 2018-19 prices using the consumer price index (rural) with base year 2012, the average monthly incomes from crop production declined by 10.4% in six years, she points out.

What triggered the protest

In November 2020, the Modi government brought three contentious farm laws - the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, the Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act. All three were rammed through in Parliament with little discussion. It triggered a 14-month long protest at the Capital's borders before the government was forced to withdraw the three laws.

In its written assurance, the government said it would study the demand of farmers for legalising the MSP mechanism so as to guarantee fixed returns for cereals and other select produce. However, a 29-member committee subsequently constituted under then agriculture secretary Sanjay Agarwal is yet to even file its interim report despite 37 meetings so far. This newspaper tried to reach out to Agrawal. He is yet to respond.

Besides legal guarantees for MSP, the demands in 2021 included procurement of all crops, loan waiver, pension for farmers and agricultural workers, a pro-farmer agri-insurance policy. "None of our demands were met," rues Jagjeet Singh Dallewal. Dallewal is convener of a group of farmer organisations on protest now under the SKM (non-political) umbrella.

Legal guarantee for MSP

The MSP is a promise the government makes before the planting of crops. While it announces the MSP for 22 crops, it procures only wheat and rice. That helps 6% of farmers, especially in Punjab and Haryana. However, a large number of tillers get indirect benefit as it helps them keep the price up in the market.

The price of commodities crash when there is a supply glut, hence the demand for a statutory MSP. An positive effort was made in Maharashtra in 2018 when the state government directed traders to buy agri-produce at not below the MSP. Violators were warned of fines and imprisonment. However, following a total boycott by traders, the order had to be withdrawn.

Siraj Hussain, former secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, said there are practical difficulties in implementation of legal guarantees to the MSP. "A large number of small and marginal farmers would not be benefitted as they do not sell their produce to designated agri-produce markets," said Hussain. Besides, the government lacks physical resources to store and market large quantities of procured produce, he said.

If market has a solution, then why are European farmers on the road?

- Devinder Sharma, agriculture and trade expert

10,281 IN 2019 | FARMER SUICIDES | **11,290** IN 2020

PERCENTAGE OF INDEBTED AGRICULTURAL HOUSEHOLDS (IAH) IN MAJOR STATES TABLE1

States/UT	IAH (%)		
Andhra Pradesh	93.2	Odisha	1.2
Telangana	91.7	Punjab	4.2
Karnataka	67.6	Rajasthan	0.3
Kerala	69.9	West Bengal	50.8
		Haryana	47.5

Source: NSSO 2021, Source: NCRB

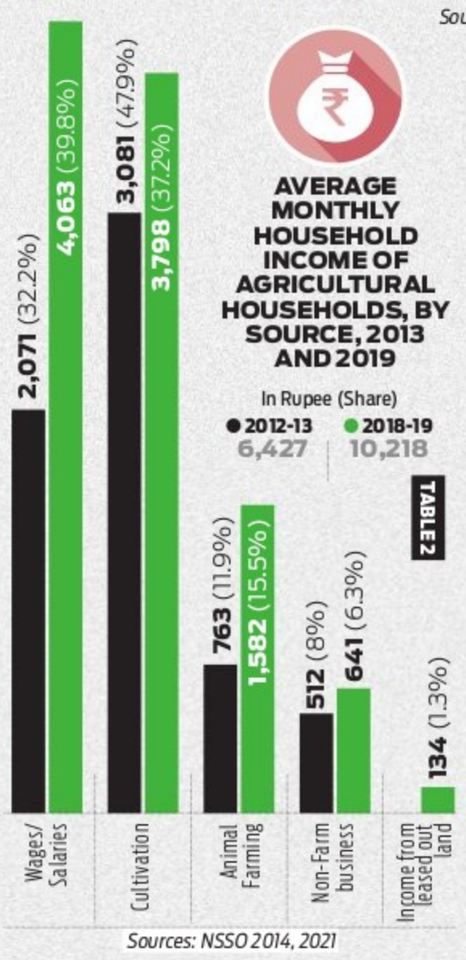

TABLE2

Sources: NSSO 2014, 2021

Who calculates the MSP?

The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), an advisory body formed in 1965, estimates the cost of cultivation of crops while taking into account the supply and demand situation, market price trends (domestic and global), parity vis-à-vis other crops, and implications for consumers (inflation), environment (soil and water use) and terms of trade between agriculture and non-agriculture sectors. It puts out 3 kinds of production cost for every crop

KERALA PADDY FARMERS CAUGHT IN A VICIOUS CIRCLE

MANOJ VISWANATHAN @ Kochi

At a time when farmers in Punjab are agitating for a legal guarantee to the minimum support price (MSP) system, their counterparts in Kerala are struggling for survival. For, the delay in distribution of payment for the paddy procured by a government agency is pushing them into a debt trap.

The biggest pain point is the mode of payment. The cost of paddy procured from the farmer is given as a loan, thus fixing the liability on the farmer. Since banks deny agriculture loans to them citing their low CIBIL (Credit Information Bureau (India) Ltd) score, farmers are left to the mercy of usurious loan sharks.

Two farmers — K G Prasad of Thakazhi and K R Rajappan of Vandanam in Alappuzha — died by suicide in 2023 as the delay in payment landed them in insurmountable debt.

"Most of the agriculturists in Kerala are marginal farmers. Every season, farmers get down to sowing after availing loan from banks. The loan is settled after selling the crop. But after the Paddy Receipt Sheet (PRS) loan scheme was started, the distribution of procurement price got delayed and the banks denied loans to farmers claiming they had low CIBIL score. As the procurement price is distributed as loan, it becomes a personal liability for the farmers. When the banks deny loans, they are forced to depend on loan sharks. Once they accept loan from a private money lender, they are forever trapped," said Dinesh R, a farmer at Choolanoor in Palakkad district.

The Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation (Supplyco), the nodal agency, issues paddy receipt sheets (PRS) to farmers after procuring their crop, recording the quantity of paddy and the procurement price. The Supplyco has entered into an agreement with nationalised banks for the distribution of the procurement price. The government settles the amount annually, but the farmer has to sign a loan agreement with the bank which says that the liability will be transferred to him if the government fails to settle the amount within a year.

"There are many farmers in Palakkad district who are yet to receive payment for the paddy procured for the first crop in 2023. The harvest season has begun and the Supplyco has started procurement. But there is no assurance on payment," said Dinesh.

"The Supplyco procured paddy from me during monsoon last year, but I have not received payment. The harvest of the second crop has started but we are yet to receive the payment for the first crop. I cultivate around 5 acres of land and we have no other resource for our livelihood. As a result, many farmers in Palakkad are selling paddy to private mills at low rates as the mill owners gives spot payment. Though they will incur a loss, it will help them to settle the loan," said Perelikulam Krishnakumar, a farmer in Vadakkancherry.

However, the government rubbished the charges. "The PRS scheme was introduced to avoid delay in payment to farmers. The allegation that the loan will affect the CIBIL score of the farmers is absurd as the government settles the dues promptly. We have procured 1,36,344 tonnes of paddy from 41,936 farmers and ₹309.26 crore has been disbursed through SBI and Canara Bank till February 13," said an official at the office of agriculture minister P Prasad.

SEABIRDS MAKE A PEE POINT ON CORAL REEF RECOVERY

USHA PERI @ Vizag

In a world where coral reefs face increasing threats from climate change, there appears to be some hope emerges from an unexpected source: seabirds. A recent study led by researchers at Lancaster University reveals the vital role seabirds play in enhancing the resilience of tropical coral reefs. Published in Science Advances, the study, 'Seabirds boost coral reef resilience,' reveals how the presence of seabirds on islands adjacent to coral reefs significantly accelerates reef recovery following bleaching events, offering new insights into conservation strategies for these vulnerable ecosystems.

The research, conducted on a remote atoll system in the Indian Ocean, focused on Acropora corals, which are vital for supporting reef structure and marine biodiversity. The study period spanned from one year before a major marine heatwave and subsequent mass coral bleaching event in 2015-16 to six years after, allowing for a comprehensive assessment of reef recovery dynamics.

The findings demonstrate that Acropora corals near islands with thriving seabird populations recovered from bleaching events approximately 10 months faster than reefs located away from seabird colonies. This faster recovery is attributed to the nutrient-rich droppings of seabirds, which enrich the surrounding marine environment.

Seabirds feed on fish in the open ocean and return to land to roost, depositing nitrogen- and phosphorus-rich guano on nearby islands. Rainfall washes these nutrients into the surrounding seas, where they fertilise corals and other marine species. The study compared reefs adjacent to islands with healthy seabird populations against reefs near islands with few seabirds, often due to the presence of invasive rats, which devastate bird populations. The researchers found that coral colonies near seabird-rich islands exhibited approximately 1.1 times higher nitrogen stable isotope values in their symbionts, indicating higher seabird-derived nutrient levels compared to colonies near rat-infested islands or islands with no nearby bird populations.

Experimental evidence confirms the direct link between seabird nutrients and coral growth rates. Acropora corals transplanted to seabird-rich islands grew twice as fast as those transplanted to rat-infested islands. Moreover, natural coral colonies near rat-free islands experienced an estimated 2.4 times faster growth rate compared to those around rat-infested islands.

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It is hereby informed that t**he Twenty-third Annual Convocation (Part-II) to award Post Graduate and Research Degrees of VTU, is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 7thMarch 2024, at 11-30 a.m., in the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium, "Jnana Sangama" Campus of VTU, Belagavi**. The awardees of the above degree are hereby cordially invited to attend the Convocation.

In this Convocation Ceremony, the Degrees will be awarded only to the Gold Medalists and Rank Holders of 2022-2023 batch of Post Graduate Programmes and to the candidates eligible for the award of Ph.D. Degree.

All the candidates are required to note the following:

The candidates shall :

* Be present in the Auditorium with neat white dress as mentioned in the University Website
* Occupy the seats in the Auditorium at least half an hour earlier to the commencement of Convocation Ceremony
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* Standup when the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Chancellor and other dignitaries enters the hall and remain so until they occupy the chairs
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* Switch off mobile phone in the premises
* Not to leave their position till the dignitaries leaves the hall after the Ceremony is over
* Follow the instructions issued by the Registrar(Evaluation) regarding Registration and other protocols of Convocation

Other candidates, who wish to collect the Degree Certificates personally, can collect the same from the Office of the Registrar (Evaluation) the next working day, on **Saturday 9th March 2024**, during the office hours on producing valid identity card issued by the college. The certificates of the rest of the candidates will be sent to the concerned colleges after the Convocation.

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DAY'S DIARY

Man v/s machine

In Philadelphia, on this day in 1996, human chess master Garry Kasparov triumphed over Deep Blue supercomputer with a score of 4-2

THE CHESS COMPUTER

Deep Blue originated when Carnegie University doctoral student Feng Hsiung Hsu began developing a chess-playing computer, ChipTest in 1985. It later became known as Deep Thought

THE OPPONENTS

It was the first time a human and a computer competed in a six-game match. Blue, capable of 200 million moves per second, was unflustered by Kasparov's game

VICTORY SPEECH

Kasparov said, "In the history of mankind, I saw something similar to an artificial intellect. I know very few chess players who could take this heat."

ABCs OF DO-RE-MI

Thumbs up for extension of F&B business hours till 1am, disappointment over the lack of emphasis on performing arts, and hopes for effective implementation of the budget's potential...Following the Karnataka Budget 2024-25, Bengalureans speak to **Dese Gowda**

EXTENDING business hours in Bengaluru until 1am is a welcome move for the city, fostering accessibility while cultivating a vibrant nightlife that puts the city on the map for tourists. Another significant announcement was the digitisation of excise services within a year. The current system is hampered by bureaucratic inefficiencies. Meanwhile, the increase in rates of Indian-made liquor and beer would be seen as a not so welcoming move. Bars face significant burdens due to the need to rent licences rather than purchasing them. The number of available licences in Bengaluru is limited, leading to intense competition among establishments for these licenses. There has been no issuance of new licences in recent years, exacerbating the issue of supply not meeting demand. Consequently, the cost of maintaining or renting a licence is rising annually since passing on the increase in prices to customers is not always business-friendly.

MITEN SHAH,
director, The Studds

I was looking for programmes that focus on culture. As far as I can tell, some money, not a lot, has been set aside for translation works of tatva padas and folk literature. That's a welcome initiative. I was hoping for something to do with theatre and performing arts, but what little I've seen so far suggests nothing of that sort. This year marks the 50th anniversary since the state was renamed Karnataka. They had actually planned a year-long programme, celebrating the language and culture. I found no mention of it in the budget. That was disappointing.

RITWIK SIMHA,
thespian

BENGALURU doesn't have measurable outcomes that can make it sustainable and effective. It's disappointing not to have an outlay, output and outcome framework with timetables that we could refer to before the budget. It's important to show fiscal federalism by not funding city projects directly and instead devolving it to an elected city corporation. The splitting of Bengaluru into smaller governing units and making seed allocations to that might be revolutionary.

SATHYA SANKARAN,
Bicycle Mayor

THE government has emphasised on all the important arenas, from education, heritage, health, women and child development, and agriculture. The success will only be guaranteed when the execution of the plan is implemented. It is crucial for the government to keep a track of the progress and results. Accepting feedback from the public and considering the needs of the majority should be of utmost significance.

SARGAM PARASHAR,
student

IN a year when Indian musicians have brought pride and glory to the country at the Grammys, the arts community would have liked to see more emphasis on art and culture in the Karnataka Budget '24. While it is good to see some grants for research into the Bhakti movement and for specific folk forms, the amounts are small. As Bengaluru and Karnataka grow in stature and importance, our cultural venues, arts institutions and artistes need support and encouragement so that the sector can thrive and contribute to the state's soft power.

MANASI PRASAD,
singer

Hues of the season

MONIKA MONALISA

WHILE Feb 14 saw celebrations of Valentine's Day, the day also marked the beginning of spring according to the Indian calendar. Celebrating this day, the Natya Institute of Kathak and Choreography, which was co-founded by renowned Kathak dancer Maya Rao, held its annual dance festival, Basant Panchami 2024, at Seva Sadan, Malleswaram. "Basant Panchami is the first day of the spring. It's the day one acknowledges the presence of arts in our lives. Our founder Maya Rao and her artistic soulmate, music composer Anil Biswas, started this tradition of celebrating art through an offering of dance while wearing yellow, the colour of spring at our institute," explains dancer-choreographer Madhu Nataraj.

This year's edition also celebrated the 60th spring celebration at the institute, featuring a duet by **Nirupama Rajendra**, **TD Rajendra**, and other notable alumni. There was a special performance by Nataraj. "It was a piece choreographed by my guru and mother. It is about Yashodhara, the estranged wife of Gautam Buddha, based on an opera by Masti Venkatesha Iyengar. It is about love, and if these two people who were separated can unite," says Nataraj, who is trying to keep the tradition of the festival alive.

CITY READ

Fifth edition of music festival kicks-off

The fifth edition of the Udupa Music Festival, organised by the Udupa Foundation, kicked off on Feb 16 at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram. An initiative by Ghatam Giridhar Udupa, the festival, being held across three days till Feb 18, has brought a distinguished line-up of top performers of Indian classical and world music to Bengaluru. This year's lineup includes Zakir Hussian, Niladri Kumar, TM Kumar, Praveen Godkindi, among others. The proceeds will be used to augment the commitment of the Udupa Foundation to performing arts.

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Realising the inability of poverty-stricken parents to provide quality education to their children, K. Harish, a former Scientist at ISRO and Chairman of Vagdevi Vilas Institutions, established Vagdevi Vilas Super School in Munnekolalu, Marathahalli, to offer CBSE curriculum education to underprivileged children. In response to the overwhelming demand, another Vagdevi Vilas Super School has been established in Varthur.

Expert teachers educate students in these schools located in pollution-free areas. Knowledge is imparted in well-equipped laboratories, computer labs, and through audiovisual aids. Students are encouraged to be creative through projects, interactions, theater arts, quizzes, and various other exploratory activities. The schools feature a vast playground with athletic facilities, volleyball and throwball courts. While the cost of educating a child in a CBSE curriculum school of this caliber could run into lakhs, Vagdevi Vilas Super School provides all these facilities free of charge. Currently, over 800 students are enrolled in these Super Schools.

Vagdevi Vilas Super School is perhaps the first school in Karnataka to offer free CBSE education to the underprivileged. "There is a humanitarian perspective behind opening this school. There are poor children who are highly talented and intelligent, but they do not have a proper platform to explore and excel. Reputed schools charge fees, which are not affordable to these sections. However, these talented, poor children can play a pivotal role in nation-building if provided with good education and motivation. That's why I initiated this project of providing 'Free Education' to poor but talented children," explained K. Harish, who has over two decades of experience in the field of education.

K. Harish runs nine CBSE schools in Bengaluru city and rural areas, predominantly attended by children from affluent and middle-class families. However, upon witnessing the plight of poor students, he decided that his educational model should also reach them and thus established the 'Vagdevi Vilas Super Schools Educational and Charitable Trust.'

A Scientist's Brainchild

K. Harish, Chairman of Vagdevi Vilas Institutions, is a former scientist who worked at ISRO. He became disillusioned with the excessive discipline at the convent school his son attended, which clashed with the practice of Indian culture. In response to the headmaster's assertion that they had not compelled him to choose their school and thus all rules must be followed, K. Harish resolved to establish a school himself. Thus, Vagdevi Vilas Educational Institutions were founded in 2004.

Nature Lessons

The school's campus in Marathahalli is truly a haven of nature, boasting more than 600 trees of 84 species.

The school also teaches rainwater harvesting, with more than 15 percolation wells built to allow rainwater to replenish the earth. There are facilities for solar power generation, paper recycling, and a Science Teck Park for extracurricular activities.

Pre-primary schools have also been established in Marathahalli, Varthur, Bidadi, Whitefield, Nelamangala, Anandapura Varanasi, and Birur, where Montessori and Kindergarten education systems are implemented. Vagdevi Vilas PUC and Degree College are located in Halasahalli.

Vagdevi Vilas Sangeet Kalamandir has been established to teach music and fine arts, while a Vagdevi Vilas Teacher Training Centre aims to enhance the teaching skills of pre-primary school teachers, offering a one-year certificate course in Montessori and Kindergarten education.

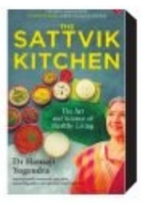
To support the opening of more such Super Schools and provide free yet quality education to underprivileged students, individuals can become patrons by contributing generously. For details, contact: 9686577171.

BOOK NOOK

Spiritual Anatomy: Meditation, Chakras, and the Journey to the Center

by Kamlesh D Patel

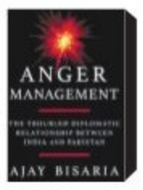
The book takes us on a journey to the center of our consciousness.



The Sattvik Kitchen: The Art and Science of Healthy Living

By Dr Hansaji Yogendra

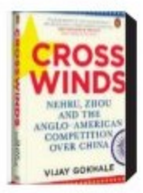
An internationally renowned yoga and wellness guru reveals the transformative potential of food — not just the food but also the timing, quantity, and manner of consumption.



Anger Management: The Troubled Diplomatic Relationship between India and Pakistan

By Ajay Bisaria

The book looks in eye-opening detail at all these incidents that took place while the author was India's top diplomat in Pakistan.

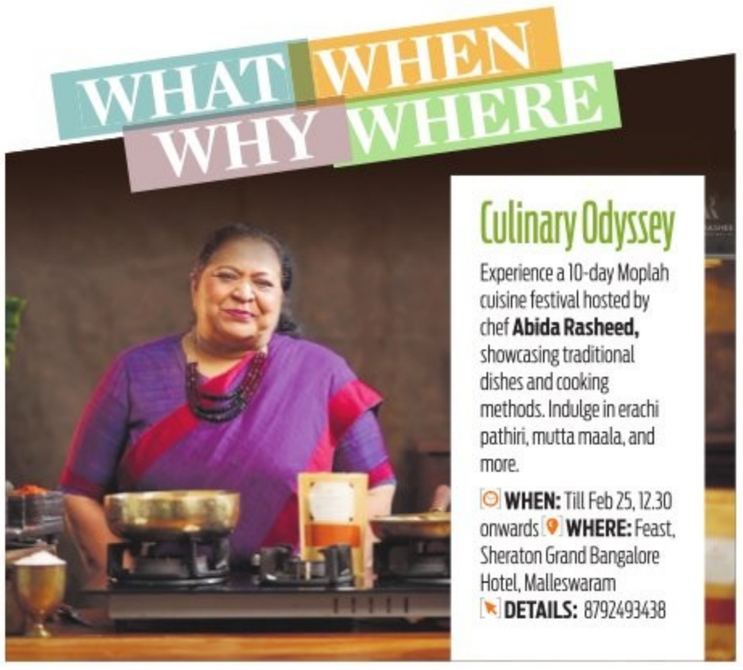


Crosswinds: Nehru, Zhou and The Anglo-American Competition over China

By Vijay Gokhale

The book is a deep-dive into how India crafted its China policy in the first decade after independence.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



Culinary Odyssey

Experience a 10-day Moplah cuisine festival hosted by chef **Abida Rasheed,** showcasing traditional dishes and cooking methods. Indulge in erachi pathiri, mutta maala, and more.

WHEN: Till Feb 25, 12.30 onwards **WHERE:** Feast, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel, Malleswaram
DETAILS: 8792493438

Soulful Tunes

Experience acclaimed singer Lucky Ali's live concert as you rediscover his timeless hits like *O Sanam* along with new music in a n unforgettable soulful evening.

WHEN: Feb 17, 7pm
WHERE: Bharatiya Mall of Bengaluru, Bhartiya City
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Hip Hop Fest

Celebrate hip-hop's vibrant cultural tapestry and global influence in this musical festival. From Mumbai's streets to remote corners, experience the resonant voice of hip-hop shaping India's cultural landscape and beyond.

WHEN: Feb 17, 4pm
WHERE: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Open Air Cinema

Join Sunset Cinema Club for a Parisian cinematic journey with the classic *Midnight in Paris*. Relax on comfy bean bags under the night sky as you watch your favourite film against the backdrop of the city skyline .

WHEN: Feb 17. 7pm **WHERE:** Forum South Bangalore, Konanakunte **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

String Therapy

Designed for all skill levels, discover how to bring Ed Sheeran's captivating melodies to life on your own ukulele in this immersive experience.

WHEN: Feb 18, 12pm
WHERE: My School of Rock, Adulgodi
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Fusion Magic

Get ready for an electrifying live concert by the band Masala Coffee and experience the fusion of traditional Indian music with contemporary sounds.

WHEN: Feb 17, 7pm **WHERE:** Nexus Mall Koramangala, Koramangala **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

EXHIBIT EXCURSION

A vistor explores art at the Travel and Tourism Fair 2024 at the Palace Grounds on Friday | **VINOD KUMAR T**

QUICK FIX

EGG-STUFFED VEGGIES

Contributed by **Princy Glady,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Chilli powder:** 1 tsp
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Cabbage:** 1/2 cup
- **Pepper powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Eggs:** 2
- **Salt:** 1 tsp
- **Oil:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Mix all the ingredients together.
- Add some coriander leaves in it and mix well.
- In a pan, pour oil and add the vegetables and bake them.
- After 5 minutes flip them and bake accordingly and serve.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

ARDHA MATSYENDRASANA

(HALF LORD OF THE FISHES ELBOW TO OPPOSITE KNEE)

This seated twist pose is the 9th variation of the 12 basic poses in Hatha yoga. It stretches the spine and promotes flexibility, tones abdominal organs, improves digestion, and eases back pain. It helps calm the mind, and stimulates the Manipura (solar plexus) Chakra.

STEPS

- Sit on the floor with both your legs straight in front of you, engaging your Mula Bandha, Uddiyana Bandha, and Ujjayi Breathing.
- Now, exhale as you bend the right knee toward your right shoulder and then bring the leg over your left leg so that your right foot is flat on the floor on the outside of your left shin.
- Exhale, bend your left knee, bringing your left heel toward your right sitting bone. Keep the left knee and sitting bones even on the floor.
- Exhale as you bring your left elbow to your right knee. Inhale, twist your body slightly to the right side, as you bring your right arm up over your head. Look towards your right foot.
- Both hands must be in Gyan Mudra, elbow to the opposite knee.
- Hold the pose for 30, and up to 90, seconds.
- Inhale as you release the twist and exhale as you bring both your legs out in front of you.
- Repeat on the other side. Release and relax

BENEFITS

- Opens your chest muscles and lungs and reduces the risk of respiratory diseases.
- Massages and stimulates the functioning of the abdominal organs.
- Can help in managing slip-discs.
- Calms the mind and reduces stress and anxiety.
- Reduces stiffness and pain in the buttocks.
- Stimulates blood circulation and detoxifies your organs.
- Can help manage Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) symptoms.
- Improves digestion as well as elimination of the wastes.
- Helpful to strengthen the spine.

LIMITATIONS

People who have back or spine injury, have undergone abdominal, brain or heart surgery, or have peptic ulcers or hernia, avoid this pose.

Avoid practising during pregnancy and menstruation.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

SWATHI MUTTHINA MALE HANIYE (Kannada)

A hospice counsellor, Prerana, finds a new meaning in her life when she befriends Aniketh, a terminally ill patient. Their bond challenges the conventional notions of love, life and humanity.

Cast: Arpith Adyar, Sandhya Arakere, Asha

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SALAAR (Tamil)

The fate of a violently contested kingdom hangs on the fraught bond between two friends-turned-foes in this saga of power, bloodshed and betrayal.

Cast: Prabhas, Prithviraj Sukumaran, Shruti Haasan

- **Watch on:** Netflix

AYALAAN (Tamil)

A lost alien seeks help from four friends to get back to his home planet, while a group of hostile scientists tries to capture it.

Cast: Sivakarthikeyan, Rakul Preet Singh, Karunakaran

- **Watch on:** Sun NXT

PIPPA (Hindi)

A young Indian Army captain from the 45 Cavalry regiment commanding the amphibious PT-76 war tank comes of age as he and his two siblings fight to liberate Bangladesh in the Indo-Pakistani war of 1971.

Cast: Ishaan Khattar, Mrunal Thakur, Priyanshu Painyuli

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

ANTONY (Malayalam)

An emotionally charged mass family entertainer that delves into the profound theme of relationships that run deeper than blood. The story revolves around the enigmatic character, Antony and his close-knit group of friends.

Cast: Joju George, Chemban Vinod Jose, Kalyani Priyadarshan

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CONJURING KANNAPPAN (Tamil)

A man begins to have nightmares where he experiences things in sleep that affect him in real life, too. But as his derangement spreads across his family and friends, they decide to go to the root of the cause.

Cast: Sathish, Regina Cassandra, Nassar

- **Watch on:** Netflix

UDAL (Malayalam)

Shiny is looking after her bedridden mother-in-law, living along with her father-in-law Kuttichan. Tensions arise pushing Shiny to the point where she cannot take anymore.

Cast: Indrans, Dhyan Sreenivasan, Durga Krishna

- **Watch on:** Saina Play

FOREIGN

DEATH AND OTHER DETAILS (English, series)

Detective Rufus Cotesworth and his protégé, Imogene, dig for the truth on a Mediterranean ocean liner where everyone is hiding something.

Cast: Violett Beane, Mandy Patinkin, Pardis Saremi

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

GRISELDA (English, series)

The savvy and ambitious Colombian businesswomen Griselda Blanco creates one of the most profitable cartels in history.

Cast: Sofía Vergara, Alberto Guerra, Juliana Aidén Martinez

- **Watch on:** Netflix

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM (English)

After years of being sheltered from the human world, the Turtle brothers set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers and be accepted as normal teenagers.

Cast: Micah Abbey, Shamon Brown Jr., Nicolas Cantu

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

ALEXANDER: THE MAKING OF A GOD (English, docuseries)

A look at the life of Alexander the Great and his burning desire to conquer the world.

Cast: Buck Braithwaite, Mido Hamada, Nada El Belkasmi

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹ 199/month
Prime Video:	₹ 299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹ 999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹ 899/year
Zee5:	₹ 699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹ 299/month
Aha:	₹ 699/year
SonyLIV:	₹ 299/month

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

Sigrid Nordengen, Neetu Singh & Emma Hallstrom

ENJOY THE LOVE

THE law of the Universe states (according to my all-time go-to, 'Instagram'), that what one intends for or wants badly enough, the Universe conspires to give it to you. I was wondering if I was seeking for or intending that my gastronomical urges be fulfilled because I did nothing but eat this week. Ostensibly when I was visiting friends, shopping or simply 'hanging', how all these activities somehow ended with copious amounts of food being shovelled into my mouth is beyond me! While growing up, my father always used to admonish various well-meaning aunts for chiding me about my weight by playfully saying, "I will not allow you to chastise my daughter as she suffers from a serious ailment. It's called hand to mouth disease!" Well this week, (because the Universe deemed so), my hand-to-mouth cravings were amply satisfied!

It started off with an invitation to lunch at my favourite Chinese restaurant Cantan. Since the partner, Nikhil Chittiappa is a friend of my kids and the family roots grow deep, it was but natural that I skipped across two buildings to feast on a scrumptious array of dishes introduced for the Chinese New Year. Gorging into fresh prawn tempuras and Peking-Duck rolls I was tempted to holler 'Ni hao' to the whole of China! Nothing like a good meal topped with a great tequila cocktail to start the week.

My mercurial friend, entrepreneur, motivational speaker, adrenaline junkie and founder of World-On-A-Plate, has opened a project which he has been talking about for some time. Frankly I did not expect him to translate this into a reality so fast. His new café aptly called 'Pijja' is an extension of Kiran's personality. Cool and chilled out but never losing that touch of sophistication! His café serves 'pijjas', pastas, (with a touch of Indian flavours), but high on quality. He imports his gluten-free sourdough, coffees and some condiments! His café houses a world class coffee-bar, delicious gelatos, a recording-room for budding-musicians, with Thursdays reserved for standup comedy nights! We went there with friends and ended up spending a couple of hours eating, chatting, drinking coffee and 'hanging'! We just loved the vibe!

The Forum Rex-Walk is fast gaining a reputation of a mall which houses nearly all the best restaurants. I was fortunate to be privy to the opening of Ouro, spear-headed by chef Cyrus Daniels and the able co-founder, Teja Chekuri. The restaurant showcases Daniels's expertise over sophisticated European food and vibrant Mexican and Spanish cuisines. Our table boasted of a group of well-travelled gastronomes who had a deep understanding and an elevated appreciation of the vast array of fusion-cuisine that was being served. The ambiance and the expertise of the staff that were very knowledgeable about the food, elevated the afternoon into a bon vivant event. It is truly a pleasure when the right people come together. Dining is a visual, olfactory and an auditory amalgamation of the senses and imperative for an overall bespoke experience. Loud boorish-conversations with little or no knowledge of the cuisine, peppered with inane demands and questions, tend to dampen a gourmandising experience to one of ennui. Luckily our handpicked table of guests made for marvellous dining companions!

Don't worry about people who don't like you...enjoy the ones that love you!

(The writer's views are her own)

Cyrus Daniels & Teja Chekuri

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor
(@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucity express @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner will receive a voucher worth ₹1,000 from Absolute Barbecues**

1. What is the key ingredient that gives the traditional Gujarati dish 'undhiyu' its distinctive flavour and seasonal charm?
2. What is the chilled Spanish soup made with tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, onions, and garlic?
3. What Turkish dish, meaning 'Sultan's Delight', pairs a lamb stew with a creamy eggplant puree for a rich and satisfying meal?

NUGGETS

All-new alfresco dining at Irish pub in city

Walk into the lobby of the iconic ITC Windsor, Bengaluru, and you simply cannot miss the shamrock green facade of Dublin, the more-Irish-than-the Irish pub. Dublin Grill blends Western and Mediterranean cuisine with a focus on quality ingredients and cooking methods. The menu includes a spread of delicacies, grilled Bratwurst chicken sausage, Pommery mustard and honey grilled pork chops, spiced pepper relish pork roulade, Mediterranean veg stuffed chargrilled tomatoes, grilled mushroom and soy meal gallates, chicken shawarma and falafel wrapped in pitta, nutmeg scented mashed potato with Togarashi chickpea, native cheddar baked jacket potato, lasagne peperonata and more. Indulge in sweet pleasures like crêpes Suzette, apple and cinnamon tart, Bailey's cheesecake, and sticky toffee pudding, among others. The timings are between 7 and 10.30pm. For more details, call 080-6140 1482

AFFIDAVIT
I, **RAJU.S** S/o Shivakumar.S R/at No.134, Lakshmi Ganapathi Nagar, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064. hereby declare that My father's Correct name is as per Aadhar **SHIVAKUMAR.S**, But in my SSLC Mark's card it is entered as **SHIVAKUMAR**. Both the name belongs to him only, Hence his name will be **SHIVAKUMAR.S** only vide affidavit dated 15.02.2024 sworn to before Notary **H.Sridhar Rao**, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **BHARGAVI.C.M** W/o Raju.S R/at No.134, Lakshmi Ganapathi Nagar, Kogilu Village, near T M R Tulips, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064. hereby declare that My mother's Correct name is as per Aadhar **MANJULA DEVI .T .A**, But in my SSLC Mark's card it is entered as **MANJULA.T.A** Both the name belongs to her only, Hence her name will be **MANJULA DEVI .T .A**, only vide affidavit dated 15.02.2024 sworn to before Notary **H.Sridhar Rao**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ROSY PRADEEP**, (New name) previously called **ROSAMMA VARGHESE** (Old name) W/o Pradeep Kumar, aged about 39 years, R/at No. 44, 24th F Cross, Ejipura, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560047. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'ROSAMMA VARGHESE'** to **"ROSY PRADEEP"** Vide Affidavit dated 14.02.2024, Sworn before Advocate and

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DHARMVEER SINGH CHAUHAN**, Army No.JC 414303N, Rank, Subedar, Resident at Jijauta Buzurg, Post-Rudain P/s-Kempil, Taluk-Kaimganj, District, Farrukhabad, Utter Pradesh, Do hereby solemnly affirm that my Mother's Name is RAM VETI & Date of birth 01.01.1955 as per Aadhaar but in my Army Service Records It is erroneously mentioned as **RAM BATE DEVI** and date of birth as 01.07.1955. Affidavit submitted to this regard for correction in my Army records and other documents as **RAM VETI** Dated of birth as 01.01.1955, vide affidavit dated 14.02.2023 Sworn to before Advocate and Notary **Renuka.C** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **MAJ. ANJANAPPA.H (Retired)** S/o Late Hanumaiah, Aged about 80 years, R/at No. 13/22, Teachers Colony, 2nd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070. I state that, in my service records **PPO No.M003051/2001** my name entered Inadvertently as **H. ANJANAPPA** instead of **MAJ. ANJANAPPA.H. (Retired)** Hereby declare that, my correct name is **MAJ. ANJANAPPA.H (Retired)** only. Vide Affidavit dated 16.02.2024, sworn before IInd Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHANKAR K V,** S/o. Venkate Gowda, aged about 44 years, Residing at No. A 30, Rangarao Road, Shankarpuram, Opp to Ashoka Shishu Vihar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 004. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'SHANKAR K V' to "ARAMANE SHANKAR"** Vide Affidavit dated 14.02.2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Puttaramaiah, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUBAIR M P, S/D BAVA M P,** aged about 48 years, R/at No.53 /1, 1st Main Road, Robertson Block, Ramachandrapuram, Bangalore - 560021.
My entire records such as Adhar Card, Pan card, Birth certificate, reflected as **SUBAIR M P**, my passport is reflected as **BAVA MANAL PARAMBIL SUBAIR**
That MANAL PARAMBIL is my sur name, and BAVA is my father name, therefore in my passport is reflected as BAVA MANAL PARAMBIL SUBAIR
I state that **"BAVA MANAL PARAMBIL SUBAIR"** and **"SUBAIR M P,"** are one and the same, both names belongs to me only, and I called and recognized as **"SUBAIR M P,"** only. Affidavit Dated: **31/01/2024** sworn to before **Nijagunaradhya.T.C.** Advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, Mr. Rudra Gouda Mallana Gouda Tevari, Aged about 67 Years, S/o. Mr. Mallana Gouda Tevari, Residing at No. 45,'Sri Marulasiddeshwara Nilaya,' 9th Main Road, 2nd Stage, 9th Block, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru 560 072. Do hereby solemnly affirm and state that on oath as follows: I state that, I am residing at the above mentioned address also I state that, as per my Aadhar card, Pan Card my name mentioned as Mr. Rudra Gouda Mallana Gouda Tevari. I state that, as per my 10th Marks card my name mentioned as Mr. Rudragouda Tevari. And also due to some technical error as per my other records my name was not updated as Mr. Rudra Gouda Mallana Gouda Tevari. I State that, my correct name read as Mr. Rudra Gouda Mallana Gouda Tevari as per my Aadhar Card and Pan Card, I State that, the above said all the names are my names only the person. Vide affidavit dated 16the Feb 2024, Sworn before Notary H.R. Karunakara, Bengaluru.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ASMA BANO** Residing at No.24, Rajappa Block, Devarajeevanahalli, Arabic College Post, Bangalore-560045, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) ASMA BANO** to **(NEW NAME) ASMA BANU** vide Affidavit dated 05.02.2024 sworn before Notary R.Vishwanath Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) P. SANKAR,** Father of NO.16117951L L/NK P. VENKATESWARLU, Residing at Rajupeta (Vill), Krishnam Setty Palli (Post), Giddalor (MD & TK), Praksam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523357, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) POTHUGANTI SANKARAIAH,** Vide Affidavit Dated 13.02.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTOSH ANAND** S/o Anand, R/o Sumadhura Anandam, Flat No. 712, 7th Floor, 49/3, Borewell Road, Whitefield, Bangalore District-560066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANTHOSH ANAND** to **SANTOSH ANAND,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SANTOSH ANAND** only, vide affidavit dated 16/02/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M.RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Narayana .C**, residing at Gangondanahalli Village, Lakshmipura Post, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Do hereby swear before the Notary Sri. Gangaraju.C.B Nelamangala that My Daughter Old Name: **Meghashree (ಮೇಘಶ್ರೀ)** was changed as per the Astrologer as new name **MANVITHA.N (ಮನ್ವಿತ.ಎನ್)** and the same will be continued in the future vide affidavit dated 15-2-2024, sworn before Notary **Sri Gangaraju .C.B** at Nelamangala.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISHRUTH RAJENDRAN,** aged about 29 years, S/o Rajendran Ramankutty, R/at No. D-204, Purva Fairmont, 24th Main, HSR Layout Sector-2, Bengaluru-560102, do hereby that I have changed my name from **VISHRUTH** to **VISHRUTH RAJENDRAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VISHRUTH RAJENDRAN** only, vide affidavit dated 16.02.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.V. NAGABHUSHANA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PURAB D. PATEL,** aged 21 years, S/o. **Dinesh Patel,** residing of Swarna Bhoomi, Gowdanahalli Road, Teguru, Chikmagaluru-577101, have changed my name from **PORAB DINESH PATEL** to **PURAB D. PATEL** vide affidavit dated 15-02-2024 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA**, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DASARI SRINIVAS REDDY** aged 48 Years, R/at No.1725, 1st Floor, T K Deepak Layout, 8th Phase, 2nd Block, J P Nagar, Bengaluru- 560078 I State that there is a Spelling Mistake in my Father's Name from **VENKAT RAO REDDY DASARI** To **VENKATA RAO REDDY DASARI** vide affidavit dated: 14/2/2024 Before Notary **Mamatha N. K** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BOMMAYYA NAYAK,** S/o Honnappa Nayak, R/o No.1023, 3rd Cross, 4th Main, 2nd Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560097 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BOMMAYYA HONNAPPA NAYAK** to **BOMMAYYA NAYAK,** henceforth I shall be known as and called as **BOMMAYYA NAYAK** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22.12.2023, sworn before notary K.C. Pemmaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BEDSY EVLIYANA REBERO,** R/o Mary Immaculate convent, 12th Main, 15th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560030, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BEDSY EVLYANA REBERO, BEDSYEVLIYANAREBERO** to BEDSY **EVLIYANA REBERO,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **BEDSY EVLIYANA REBERO** only, vide affidavit dated 15/02/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.R. RAJANNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, hitherto known as **DHANESH,** S/o MUTHIRAPARAMBIL GOVINDA DAMODARA PAI, R/o A1-131, Sumadhura Sawan Apt, Sy.No. 18, Hoodi, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru 560048, Karnataka, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **DHANESH PAI** only, vide affidavit dated 16/02/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N.NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **NAGARAJAN V** S/o Veluswamy, age 33 years, R/at No. 7, 22nd Main, F Pipe Line Road, J C Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore-560 086 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **NAGARAJAN V** and **NAGARAJAN V S** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **NAGARAJAN V** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16-02-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Onkarappa .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHUVANESHWARI V .J.,** R/at No.18, 1st Floor, Near Anjaneya Temple, Dodda Banasawadi, Kalyanagar, Bengaluru- 560043, have changed my name to **BHUVANA VIJAY** vide affidavit dated: 16/2/2024 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **DEVANNA .R**, S/o Ramaiah, Aged about 65 years, Residing at No. # 88, Dibburu Village, Kakolu Post, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 089, do hereby declare that my correct name is **DEVANNA .R.** I further state that in my Aadhar my name mentioned as **R. Devanna,** Vehicle Registration Certificate my name mentioned as **Dyavanna .R** and in my PAN Card my name mentioned as **Dyavanna,** in land Records as **R. Devanna, Dyamanna, R. Dyavanna.** I hereafter to designate and address me, by such assumed name of **DEVANNA .R** vide affidavit dated 22.01.2024 sworn to before H.K. Gopalagowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VAZEER BEIG** S/o **Ghouse Beig,** R/at No.62, 5th Main, 2nd Cross, Behind Inam Masjid, Rashad Nagar, Arabic College, Bengaluru- 560045, have changed my name to **WAZEER BAIG** vide affidavit dated: 16/2/2024 Before Notary **M.Rajendra** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SREE GANESH S/o Late C.Nanjundaiah R/a No. 31A, 1st Cross, 13th Block Near MK Ahmed Super Market, Nagarbhavi, 2nd Stage, Aprova Layout, Bangalore - 560 072, have Changed my name as **SREEGANESH SASALU**, Vide affidavit dated : **09-11-2023** SWORAN Before R.Shivanna Chari, Notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MARIA LAILA APOSTOLIC CARMEL** R/o No. 235/40, Mary Immaculate convent, 12th Main, 15th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560030, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HILDA DMELLO, SISTER MARIA LAILA, SR MARIA LAILA, HILDA D MELLO** to **MARIA LAILA APOSTOLIC CARMEL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MARIA LAILA APOSTOLIC CARMEL** only, vide affidavit dated 13/02/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.R. RAJANNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAAPTI PRASAD** D/o Sri Badari Narayana Prasad, aged about 24 years, R/at No. 42, Rajathadri, 10th Cross, 7th Main, RBI Layout, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAAPTI PRASAD C @ CHICKANAYAKANAHALLI PRAAPTI PRASAD** to **PRAAPTI PRASAD,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRAAPTI PRASAD** only, vide affidavit dated 15/02/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **HEGDE GANAPATI VENKATRAMAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YASHSWINI M,** D/o. Manohar R, residing at #21, 3rd Cross,Venkatashamappa Layout, Chamundi Nagar, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru560032, have changed my name to **YASHASWINI M**, vide Affidavit Dated:15/02/2024, sworn before Notary **SIVAKUMARA .M.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HARSHAVARDHAN GANGANNA MALLIKARJUNA** S/o Mallikarjuna Ganganna, aged about 22 years, R/at No. 92, 4th A Main Road, Govindraj Nagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HARSHVARDHAN MALLIKARJUNA GANGANNA** to **HARSHAVARDHAN GANGANNA MALLIKARJUNA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **HARSHAVARDHAN GANGANNA MALLIKARJUNA** only, vide affidavit dated 16/02/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. KANCHIVARADARAJU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ROHIT GOWDA** S/o **Mohan Kumar Javaranahalli Subramanya** R/at No.80, G R Sunvilla, Beside Prestige, Nimbekaipura, Mandur Post, Bangalore -560049 have changed my name to **ROHITH GOWDA MOHAN KUMAR** vide affidavit dated: 16/2/2024 Before Notary **Manjunath. T** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRATHIMA JOSHI (New Name), W/o. Sri. Chidambara Joshi, resident of No. 315, 3rd Floor, The Banyan Apartment, Anjanapura Post, Bangalore-560108, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from YARASI PRATHIMA JOSHI (Old Name) to PRATHIMA JOSHI (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called PRATHIMA JOSHI (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 15/02/2024, before Notary MAHESHA. J. J, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHIVA KUMARI,** Spouse of NO. JC- 310832N SUB MAJ MYLARALINGA.N.L, Residing at House. B-13/82, Alur BDA Flats, Alur (Post &Vill), Dasanapura (Hobli), Bengaluru North (TK), Bengaluru (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 562123, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SHIVAKUMARI.T,** Vide Affidavit Dated 03.08.2023 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HITESH JAIN** S/o Mangilal, R/at No. 5/2, 3rd Floor, 4th Cross, R.T Street, Bengaluru-560053, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HITESH KUMAR** to **HITESH JAIN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **HITESH JAIN** only, vide affidavit dated 14/02/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **J.V SUDHA** W/o H.M UMESH, aged about 42 years, R/at No. 140, Ground Floor, 4th Main, 3rd Phase, Near Motappa Park, Manjunathanagara, Rajajinagar P.O., Bengaluru-560010, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUDHA V** to **J.V SUDHA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **J.V SUDHA** only, vide affidavit dated 16.02.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R.S. VIJAY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JEROME IRUDAYARAJ,** S/o. Iruthayaraj, residing at #011, 1st Floor, Celestia, 18th Cross, 4th Main Road, BEML Layout, Thubarahalli, Whitefield Post, Bengaluru 560066, have changed my name to **JEROME IRUTHAYARAJ**, vide Affidavit Dated: 16/02/2024 sworn before Notary **B.V.NAGABHUSHANA,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DASARI SRAVANALAXMI** R/at No.1725, 1st Floor, T K Deepak Layout, 8th Phase, 2nd Block, J P Nagar, Bengaluru- 560078 have changed my name to **DASARI SRAVANA LAKSHMI** vide affidavit dated: 14/02/2024 Before Notary **Mamatha N K** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAFINAZ,** W/o. Mohammed Sajeed, aged about 37 years, resident of No.22, 8th B Main Road, Old Gurappana Palya, Bannerghatta Road, Dharmaram College Post, Bengaluru-560029, Karnataka, have changed my name to **SHAFINAZ SAJEED,** vide affidavit dated 15-02-2024, before Notary **L. Gopalakrishna,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PUSHKAR RAJ** Son of Shankarlal Raj Purohito Ka Vass, Otwala,, Othwala Jalor, Rajasthan 343 021, today at No. 49, G.K. Temple Street, Chickpet, Bangalore - 560 053, I have changed my Old Name **PUSHKAR RAJ PUROHIT(Old Name)** to **New Name PUSHKAR RAJ, (New Name)** vide affidavit dated 18/12/2023 sworn to before V.Rangaramu advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) RATHINA PRIYA.Y,** Spouse of NO.15430947K HAV YATHAVA MOORTHY. M, Residing at House NO. 3-12/6, Mohammedshapuram Main Road, Tirumangalam (Tehsil), Madurai (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 625706, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) RATHINA PRIYA.V,** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.02.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHANTI LAL,** S/o Jograj Purohit, R/at No. 4, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Akkamahadevi Road, Akkipet, Bengaluru-560053, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHANTHILAL PUROHIT** to **SHANTI LAL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHANTI LAL** only, vide affidavit dated 01/02/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KIRTI AMIT ROHRA** W/o G. Amit Rohra, aged about 36 years, R/at A Wing 001, CASA DREAMS, 3rd Cross, C.P Layout, Lottegollahalli, Devingar, Bengaluru-560094, do hereby that I have changed my name from **SAPNA C.K** to **KIRTI AMIT ROHRA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KIRTI AMIT ROHRA** only, vide affidavit dated 15.02.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED ASIF DHARWADKAR** R/at NO.316, 14th Cross, 10th Main CMH Road, Indira Nagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560038, have changed my minor Child Name From **MOHAMMED HAROON DHARWADKAR** to **MOHAMMED HAROON ASIF** Vide affidavit dated: 16/2/2024 Before Notary **S.R.Nanjunda Swamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABHISHEK SINGH,** S/o. Sri. Sitaram Fatehbahadur Singh, residing at No. 11, 5th Cross, Bharathi Nagar, VTC: Hunasamaranahalli, Bangalore District, Karnataka - 562 157, have changed my name to **ABHISHEK SITARAM SINGH,** vide affidavit dated: 15.02.2024, before Notary **B.V. Nagabhushana,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SMITA** aged about 42 Years W/o **Rajeev Kumar**, R/at No.7092, Prestige Royale Gardens, Doddballapur Road, Yellahanka, Bangalore- 560064, have changed my name to **SMITA SRIVASTAVA** vide affidavit dated: 15/2/2024 Before Notary **B.M.Chandrashekar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAVISHANKAR SHAROF RANGASWAMY SETTY SIRISHA** D/o S.R.Ravishankar, Residing at No. 99, Gowrishankar Nivasa, 8th Cross, Vasanthapura Main Road, Orchard School Road, Konanakunte Cross, Bengaluru-560062 henceforth changed my name to **SIRISHA SHAROFF RAVISHANKAR** henceforth my name will be **SIRISHA SHAROFF RAVISHANKAR** in all my records and documents vide Affidavit dated: 14/02/2024 before Notary **T.C.Thimmaraja**, Banglore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) P. NARAYANAMMA,** Mother of NO.16117951L L/NK P. VENKATESWARLU, Residing at Rajupeta (Vill), Krishnamsetty Palli (Post), Giddalor (MD & TK), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523357, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) POTTIGANTI NARAYANAMMA,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1950** to **01.01.1975,** Vide Affidavit Dated 13.02.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEENA KUMARI. L** (with expanded initials - MEENA KUMARI LAKSHMAN) D/o Sri M. Lakshman, aged 36 years, R/at No. 2, Basappa Road, Poojarappa Garden, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MEENA KUMARI** to **MEENA KUMARI .L** (with expanded initials - MEENA KUMARI LAKSHMAN), henceforth I shall be known and called as **MEENA KUMARI .L** (with expanded initials - MEENA KUMARI LAKSHMAN) only, vide affidavit dated 08/02/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. SHAMSUNDER KAMBLE** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAI KUMARI PILLE,** W/o Vagesh M. residing at No.1, 1st Cross, 6th Main Road, 12th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore-72. Do here by declare that my name changed from "SAI KUMARI PILLE" (Old Name) to **SAI KUMARI** (New Name) vide affidavit dated **15.02.2024** sworn to before the **Devaraja E,** Notary Public, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUNA EASWAR,** W/o Easwar Ramasubramanian, age 66 years, R/at No. A 910, 9th Floor, A Block, Gokulam, Doddakallasandra Metro Station, Vasanthapura, Bengaluru-62 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ARUNA VENKATESHWARAN** to **ARUNA EASWAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ARUNA EASWAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th Feb. 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **P MUBARAK** R/at No.305, masjid road cross, darga street, yelahanaka, Bengaluru- 560064, have changed my name to **MUBARAK BASHA** vide affidavit dated: 30/1/2024 Before Notary **Prakasha. C** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Vrishak** S/o. Niranjan Kumar, aged about 24 years, residing at No. 23/72, Nele, 5th Cross, SLN Lake Vista Layout, Tharalu, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore-82, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VRISHAK** to **VRISHAK NIRANJAN,** vide affidavit dated 15.02.2024, sworn to before Chethana .S.V, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NOORULLA A,** Aged about 41 years, S/o Nazeer Ahmed Abdul Rahman, Residing at No.2 26-C, Flat No.1, GRD Floor 1st Cross, Nandi Durga Road, Jayamahal Extension, Bengaluru - 560046, have changed my Minor daughter's name from **Zunaira Noor Fathima N** to **Zunaira Fathima N,** vide affidavit dated 15/2/2024 sworn to before B.Chitra advocate and notary Bangalore.

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'I NEVER CHASE THE SHADOW OF PAST TRIUMPHS'

...says Challenging Star Darshan commemorating his illustrious 25 years and 55 films in cinema. He also shares that he sees every film as a new beginning

Darshan

A SHARADHAA

CELEBRATING his birthday amidst the glittering lights of stardom, with his fans (celebrities, according to him), Challenging Star Darshan finds himself in a whirlwind of triumphs and reflections. This year, the festivities were amplified as he basks in the glow of multiple successes. Apart from the victory of blockbuster *Kaatera*, which marked 50 days at the box office on February 16, a first-look teaser of his forthcoming venture, *Devil-The Hero* is out, and there are updates on his other lineups like with director Tharun Sudhir's *D59* based on historical freedom fighter Sindhoora Lakshmana, produced by Media House Studio, Prem's upcoming film oroduced by KVN Productions, to name a few. Amidst the fanfare, the Challenging Star also marks a significant milestone, commemorating 25 illustrious years in the industry, a journey that has seen him grace the screens in over 55 films. The actor feels it's just the beginning of an endless odyssey filled with infinite possibilities.

Reflecting on this extraordinary journey, Darshan remarks, "It's been a ride filled with highs and lows, moments of glory and instances of humility. Yet, amidst it all, my greatest achievement remains the unwavering support and love of my fans, my celebrities." To cite his own example, his career path is strikingly reminiscent of his own saying, 'I started riding a Luna, and today I drive a Lamborghini.' The actor's journey speaks volumes about the transformative power of perseverance and dedication. "Luck plays no part in anybody's journey," he asserts, "It's sheer hard work that propels one forward in any field. Those who rely solely on favourable chances often find themselves fading into obscurity."

Navigating through a plethora of roles and characters, Darshan takes pride in his works from *Majestic* to *Kaatera*, every role has come to him "Every character, I play is a fresh canvas, waiting to be coloured by the director's vision," he explains, adding, "Whether it's embodying the goodness of a hero or delving into the complexities of a darker persona, I approach each role with an open mind and a willingness to explore." Amidst the accolades for *Kaatera* and the anticipation surrounding *Devil The Hero,* Darshan remains grounded, emphasising the transient nature of success. "Each film stands on its own merit," he declares, "I never chase the shadow of past triumphs. Instead, I focus on delivering my best in every project, ensuring that both producers and audiences alike leave satisfied."

As the spotlight shines brighter with each success, Darshan remains unfazed by the chatter surrounding his personal life. "What matters to me is the impact I make through my craft," he states. "The rest is just noise."

Darshan-Tharun Kishore Sudhir collaborate on a historical project Sindhoora Lakshmana

CE FEATURES

DARSHAN and Tharun Sudhir, who are reveling in the success of *Kaatera,* have announced their next collaboration. The successful duo is teaming up again, for the fourth time - D59, and this time for a historical venture on Indian revolutionary fighter, Sindhoora Lakshmana. Partnering with them are *Yajamana* and *Kranti* producers - Shylaja Nag and Suresha B, who will finance the project under their banner Media House Studio, and composer V Harikrishna.

While Shylaja Nag expresses her excitement about this collaboration, Tharun shares a sentimental connection with Sindhoora Lakshmana. "Sindhoora Lakshmana was a play my father, and actor, theatre artist Sudhir, staged for at least 18000 shows, and it was a huge hit back then. The cassette of this play would sell like hotcakes, making it the highest-ever Ashwini audio in those days. I grew up watching this play, and I even remember the last day my father performed it. Even my mother has played a character in it. There are a lot of emotions attached to this title. Though I treat every film equally, this one is special and close to my heart. I am glad I took it up," he says.

Tharun adds that the Challenging Star is always enthusiastic about portraying historical roles. "He had a vague idea about Sindhoora Lakshmana, and he would often discuss this role with me since I became a director with *Chowka*. Even my brother Nanda Kishore had approached him for this project, but it couldn't materialize. I am glad we are finally making this project a reality," says Tharun, who mentioned that the film requires a lot of preparatory work. "I am on a short break and I'll start writing the script soon. I have travelled with Harikrishna and enjoy collaborating with him. As for Shylaja Nag, she is passionate about producing our film and *Yajamana* is a prime example of her dedication," he says.

Darshan and Tharun Kishore Sudhir

Tale of twists, turns and triumphs in love

KTM

Cast: Deekshith Shetty, Sanjana Doss, and Kajal Kunder

Director: Arun

A SHARADHAA

LET me make it clear *KTM* is not about bikes, despite the suggestive title, it's a romantic drama that delves into the complexities of young hearts. Just like any love story, it begins with friendship, takes unexpected turns, and ventures down uncharted paths. Some connections flourish while others falter, but amidst the chaos, love finds a way to bloom anew.

Not every romantic journey starts with a fairy-tale beginning. In this tale, we follow the adventures of Karthik Bhat (Dheekshith Shetty), a PUC student smitten by Tanya Bhat (Kaajal Kunder) in his hometown. However, his heartbreak takes him to Bengaluru, for further studies, where he encounters Mercy (Sanjana Doss). Initially, Karthik's hopes are dashed once again, but he soon realises that Mercy holds the key to his heart, leading them on a tumultuous journey filled with obstacles.

The story, written and directed by Aruna, traces Karthik's 12-year journey from the age of 18 to 28. It showcases how his love life helps and affects his career and family bond. The director focuses not just on love but also on Karthik's friendship with Tukali (Santhosh) and Chiru (Abhishek). An antagonist is also introduced through a college lecturer who develops feelings for Mercy. Sadly, Chiru's tragic death worsens Karthik's struggles and forces him into anger issues and alcohol, but eventually, life takes a turn.

Enters Tanya, now a doctor. As the love triangle unfolds, we witness whether Mercy chooses Karthik, he chooses her, or if he rekindles his relationship with Tanya. This forms the heart of *KTM*. Amid the usual romantic obstacles, the filmmaker imparts a valuable lesson: To Rise in Love, giving a little message about love, friendship, and parental bonds, pointing out that loss or failure in love doesn't mean the end of life but is always a new beginning. However, the hit-or-miss narrative and scattered character portrayals test patience at times.

When it comes to the romantic tale, the film comprises several plots revolving around love, and often ends up akin to *Arjun Reddy*, especially when the lead character struggles with alcoholism and ends up in a de-addiction center.

Although a love story at its core, *KTM* hinges on who embodies the lover boy image, and Deekshith nails it. He seems to have grasped the full significance of a romantic, while his physical transformation, from ages 18 to 28, is commendable, capturing every stage convincingly. Equally, Sanjana Doss delivers a strong performance as Mercy, a headstrong character who occasionally shows vulnerability, while Kaajal Kunder's presence as Tanya brings a twist to the love tale. The ensemble cast, along with love and emotional medleys at various intervals and college campus scenes, adds support.

RATING 3/5

Like every love story, real or reel, *KTM* has its strengths and drawbacks. However, Karthik's journey, his crush on Tanya, and his love for Mercy bring a fresh perspective to the actors' performances. Watch it for these actors, and you might also find a new outlook on love.

Wholesome tale of mystery and transformation

A SHARADHAA

SANDEEP Sunkad's *Shakahaari* transports the audience to the heart of a vegetarian eatery owned by Chef Subbana, also known as Mastikatte Subramanya (played by Rangayana Raghu), who is the sole proprietor and the chef of his establishment named Devi Prasad. However, the intriguing aspect of this movie lies in how this hotel came to be known by the dish he serves, and its transformation.

Set in a remote setting of Thirthahalli, the film intertwines two parallel stories. One storyline delves into Subbana's life and his vegetarian restaurant, where he draws customers from various backgrounds, representing a middle-class life. Subbana, anchored to a nostalgic past, finds comfort in the simplicity of his routine, which involves tuning in to the latest news on Akashvani and indulging in his passions for dance and theater during his evenings.

In parallel, the director takes us through the life of Police Inspector Mallikarjun (played by Gopal Krishna Deshpande), who is seeking a transfer, contingent upon solving certain cases. Unfortunately, a prisoner escapes, setting off a frantic pursuit.

Beneath this tranquil facade, however, lies a tale of intrigue and mystery. Innocent lives become ensnared in unexpected circumstances, and the idyllic setting of the restaurant transforms into a stage for sinister events to unfold. As suspicion mounts and authorities close in, Subbana finds himself embroiled in a desperate bid to protect a mysterious stranger named Vijay, who seeks refuge within the confines of his eatery.

RATING 3.5/5

SHAKAHAARI

Cast: Rangayana Raghu, Gopal Krishna Deshpande, Nidhi Hege, Vinay UJ, and Sujay Shastry

Director: Sandeep Sunkad

Director Sandeep's debut film may seem deceptive to those who have watched it, but he has executed the movie with precision, gradually building momentum as the story unfolds. While the first half takes its time, the second half captivates with its mesmerising pace.

Unlike many debut directors who play it safe, Sandeep has broken norms by refraining from fight sequences, item songs, and sleazy comedy. Instead, he focuses on delivering what the story demands, integrating the essence of the surroundings into the plot.

As tensions escalate, *Shakahaari* gets into themes of loyalty, morality, and the lengths individuals will go to preserve their secrets. Each twist and turn peels back layers of Subbana's character, revealing facets of his personality shrouded in mystery until the climax.

Set against picturesque landscapes, the film presents a captivating examination of human nature and the hidden depths concealed beneath seemingly serene exteriors. As the truth slowly unfolds, viewers are held in suspense, drawn into a narrative of mystery and deceit.

In Rangayana Raghu's career, *Shakahaari* stands out for presenting a fresh portrayal of his character. Unlike his previous roles, here he portrays a young adult dealing with love, separation, and loneliness, empathising with others' sorrows while driven by a passion for a good life. Raghu delivers a nuanced performance, perfectly balancing intensity without excess. Equally good performance is delivered by Gopal Krishna Deshpande, doing complete justice to the role. Joining the two are Vinay UJ, Nidhi Hegde, Sujay Shashtry, and Harini Shreekanth effectively supporting the story.

Watching *Shakahaari* evoked a lively debate among journalist friends, especially with its climax. Just as the film's title questions the suitability of non-vegetarian flavours in a vegetarian establishment, our discussions pondered the blend of the film's themes and execution.

Alia Bhatt: I teared up watching *Poacher*

EXPRESS FEATURES

ALIA BHATT recently shared that her decision to be a part of the streaming show *Poacher* was a culmination of many factors. The actor, who serves as the executive producer on the show, spoke to the media recently on the sidelines of its trailer launch. She shared the stage with actors Dibyendu Bhattacharya and Roshan Mathew, the show's creator and director Richie Mehta and Prime Video executives.

Talking about her decision to serve as the executive producer of the show, Alia said: "I can't point to just one thing that led me to become a part of this show as an executive producer. It's many things put together that appealed to me like the brilliant narrative sketched by Richie, his hard work in terms of flawless research, a stellar cast of some of the best actors of the country put together and of course the potential impact of the show on the audience." *Poacher* stars Nimisha Sajayan, Roshan Mathew, and Dibyendu Bhattacharya in pivotal roles. It will start streaming on Prime Video from February 23.